



Town of Oakham

ANNUAL REPORTS FOR THE YEAR **1967**

The scene pictured on the cover is one of Oakham's historic spots. For seventy years following the settlement of the town, war was in progress or an ever present possibility. In that military age all able-bodied men of the town between the ages of sixteen and sixty received training as soldiers in drills held regularly here in the area west of the cemetery.

In the tense period prior to the start of the Revolutionary War, approximately one fourth of the men in the town's militia company, in accordance with the recommendations of the First Provincial Congress equipped themselves as minutemen ready to march on the shortest possible notice in defense of the Province. Each was provided "with effective Fire arms, Bayonet, Pouch, Knapsack and thirty rounds of Cartridges and Ball". The group chose John Crawford to be their captain, and drilled every other day, apparently willing to do so without pay.

Word of the attack on Lexington reached Oakham on the afternoon of April 19, 1775. One likes to think that the twenty-nine minutemen, who started at once on the march to Cambridge left from this, their training ground.

It seems appropriate that citizens of a later century should select this area as a site for two memorials to war veterans. On Memorial Day, 1946 the Oakham Grange dedicated the blue spruce tree, which had been set out to honor the memory of a past master, First Lieutenant Robert C. Dwelly, Jr., who lost his life in World War II. For many years before it grew too tall, it was decorated with colored lights at Christmas time for all to enjoy.

Also on Memorial Day, as a feature of its bicentennial observance in 1962, representatives of the town unveiled the granite monument "Dedicated to the men and women of Oakham who have served our country in time of war."

On each May 30, with the flag flying high, townspeople gather here on the green for a patriotic program in which school children and Legionnaires participate.

This part of the common near the church with the old cemetery in the background where the early settlers of the town lie buried, is a place for remembering all those sons and daughters of Oakham who have served their country well.

ANNUAL REPORTS

of the

TOWN OFFICIALS

of the

Town of Oakham, Massachusetts



For the year ending December 31, 1967

To the Citizens of Oakham:

We are again pleased to submit to you the Annual Reports of the several town officials and of the Quaboag Welfare District and the Quabbin Regional School District.

Our 1966 Town Report was again awarded First Place in our population group in the statewide contest and the equivalent of second place in the contest covering the New England States. We wish to thank all parties involved for their interest and cooperation in helping to prepare these reports.

We also maintained our position of having the highest tax rate in the state, an honor which we would gladly pass up.

The town again lost its oldest citizen upon the death of Walter A. Woodis and the "gold headed cane" was passed on to Mrs. Leonie Kennan who is now 91 years old.

We again thank the townspeople for their patience and understanding and for helping us through a very difficult year.

Respectfully,

ROGER H. LONERGAN

LEROY C. SPINNEY

LIONEL A. LAJOIE, JR.

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Town Officers for 1967

THREE YEAR TERMS

Town Clerk

DOROTHY P. DAY

Term Expires 1970

Selectmen

ROGER H. LONERGAN, Chairman

Term Expires 1968

LEROY C. SPINNEY, Clerk

Term Expires 1969

LIONEL A. LAJOIE, JR.

Term Expires 1970

Assessors

W. FRANCIS BRENNAN

Term Expires 1968

JEROME D. MURPHY, Chairman

Term Expires 1969

WESLEY H. DWELLY, Clerk

Term Expires 1970

Board of Health and

Board of Public Welfare

ROGER H. LONERGAN

Term Expires 1968

Chairman, Board of Public Welfare

LEROY C. SPINNEY

Term Expires 1969

LIONEL A. LAJOIE, JR.

Term Expires 1970

Chairman, Board of Health

School Committee

FREDERICK G. STONE

Term Expires 1968

NORMAN L. DROLET, Chairman

Term Expires 1969

MARY H. PARSONS, Clerk

Term Expires 1970

Library Trustees

FANNIE M. B. TUCKER

Term Expires 1968

RONALD W. WILKINS, Chairman

Term Expires 1969

DOROTHY V. LUPA

Term Expires 1970

Cemetery Committee

DONALD C. AGAR

Term Expires 1968

THEODORE F. MURPHY

Term Expires 1969

CALVIN C. STEWART, Chairman and Clerk

Term Expires 1970

Constables

WALTER E. COLE

Term Expires 1968

O. HAROLD ERICKSON

Term Expires 1968

LEONARD A. HARDY

Term Expires 1968

ROGER H. LONERGAN

Term Expires 1968

FREDERICK G. STONE

Term Expires 1968

LUDWICK SZCZUKA

Term Expires 1968

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FIVE YEAR TERMS

Planning Board

RICHARD G. RILEY, Chairman and Member of Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission	Term Expires 1968
STUART T. GLENDYE, Clerk	Term Expires 1969
W. FRANCIS BRENNAN	Term Expires 1970
JAMES BARRINGER	Term Expires 1971
ROBERT W. BURON	Term Expires 1972

ONE YEAR TERMS

Moderator

FREDERICK H. LANE

Tax Collector

CALVIN C. STEWART

Treasurer

GORDON R. COLE

Auditor

JAMES BARRINGER

Tree Warden

H. ROSCOE CRAWFORD

Fence Viewers

DONALD C. AGAR
WESLEY H. DWELLY VERNON S. TUCKER

Measurers of Wood and Bark

CHARLES R. DEAN
JAMES B. PARSONS WALTER A. WOODIS to June 8

Measurers of Lumber

CHARLES R. DEAN
AMES B. PARSONS WALTER A. WOODIS to June 8

Field Drivers

STUART T. GLENDYE
HERMAN A. SPINNEY, JR. JOHN L. WIDING

Departmental Reports

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Reports of the

Town Clerk

Board of Selectmen

Tax Collector

Town Treasurer

Recreation Committee

Planning Board

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REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

Births — 1967

February

- 5 — Nathan James Rollins, son of James A. and Linda M. (Warner) Rollins.
- 6 — Jeffery John Nahkala, son of Raymond J. and Christine L. (Parkman) Nahkala.
- 9 — Elizabeth Elaine Bechan, daughter of Richard W. and Barbara A. (Bucinkas) Bechan.
- 23 — James Frederick Dixson, son of John C. and Mildred A. (Bond) Dixson.

April

- 7 — Cindy Marie Allen, daughter of Roy J. Jr. and Patricia A. (Wood) Allen.
- 10 — Vincent Raphael Russ, son of Valentine F. Jr. and Dorothy J. (Allen) Russ.

June

- 14 — Gregory Paul Mathis, son of Stephen P. Jr. and Edith L. (Crawford) Mathis.
- 20 — Matthew Bruce Downer, son of Paul R. and Roberta K. (Frey) Downer.

July

- 26 — Kelly Ann O'Connor, daughter of Peter M. and Marcia D. (Potter) O'Connor.
- 28 — Jennifer Paige Warman, daughter of John A. and Judith E. (Bassett) Warman.

August

- 30 — Sherene Ann Cole, daughter of Frank E. and Nancy L. (Bruno) Cole.

September

- 10 — Cheryl Lynn Dean, daughter of Jordan A. and Verna A. (Tucker) Dean.
- 16 — Anthony Smith, son of Robert E. and Rose M. (Fountain) Smith.

October

- 6 — Richard Lee Lajoie, son of Lionel A. J., and Earlene L. (Ferren) Lajoie.
- 21 — Keri Ann Heyes, daughter of Samuel W. III, and Sandra L. (Madsen) Heyes.

November

- 7 — Heidi Erika Fontaine, daughter of George J. and Sigrid L. (Zappe) Fontaine.

Marriages

January

- 28 — Albert A. Genest, Jr., Rutland, and Linda G. Muir, Oakham.

May

- 27 — Richard P. Doherty, Worcester, and Geraldine Brown, Oakham.

June

- 24 — Robert E. Crawford, Oakham, and Barbara A. Young, Holden.

August

- 5 — Richard H. Belanger, Worcester, and Judith E. Stone, Holden.

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October
28 — Ronald T. Casault, Oakham, and Bonita Kokansky, North Brookfield.

Deaths

	Y	M	D
March			
19 — Evelyn Elizabeth (Carruth) Allen	70	9	16
April			
1 — Melbourne E. Wood	82	1	14
2 — Matilda Maud (Fisher) Andreson	44	6	2
June			
8 — Walter A. Woodis	91	1	16
October			
8 — Mary S. Bechan	72	2	5
9 — Jesse Lee Ferren	74	7	21
December			
18 — Etta Mae (Snow) Wilkins	78	8	1

Non-Residents Buried in Town

February			
23 — Harry Schrieken	87	11	30
May			
28 — Eva G. (Stone) Robinson	81	3	18
October			
9 — Evender H. Greene	79	6	3
November			
7 —Florinda (Lincoln) Harvey	81	4	21

Dog Licenses

79 Males at \$2.00	\$158.00
26 Females at \$5.00	130.00
38 Spayed Females at \$2.00	76.00
143	\$364.00
Fees Retained at \$.25	35.75
Net Return	\$328.25

Dog license books are usually delivered by mid-March. Since the licensing year begins on April 1, owners and keepers of dogs over three months of age are urged to secure licenses by that date. Licenses and tags may be obtained at the home of the town clerk, or by mail. If a dog has been licensed for a preceding year, no information is required; for a new dog, facts needed are name, age, color, and breed. In ordering licenses by mail a stamped, addressed envelope is requested. Checks should be made payable to the Town of Oakham.

Transfer licenses cost 25c and should be purchased within thirty days after a dog licensed for the year elsewhere in the State, arrives in the town. It is necessary to present the original license as proof that the regular fee has been paid.

The town clerk appreciates the help she has received from Dog Officer, Sumner J. Crawford, one of whose duties is to see that all dogs of the Town are licensed. She is also grateful for the cooperation of the many residents who are conscientious about licensing their pets.

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Sporting Licenses

48 Fishing at \$5.25	\$252.00
44 Hunting at \$5.25	231.00
36 Sporting at \$8.25	297.00
19 Minor Fishing at \$3.25	61.75
14 Female Fishing at \$4.25	59.50
1 Non-Resident Fishing	9.75
2 Duplicate at \$.50	1.00
10 Sporting, free to persons over 70 years of age	.00
<hr/> 174	<hr/> \$912.00
Fees retained, \$.25 each except duplicate and free	40.50
Net return	\$871.50

Archery Stamp

1 at \$1.10	\$ 1.10
Fee Retained at \$.10	.10
Net Return	\$ 1.00

In order to promote management of the deer herd, the Division of Fisheries and Game adopted new regulations for the fall deer hunting season designed to reduce the number of does taken. Under these rules, only hunters with permits were allowed to take antlerless deer, which included bucks with less than three inch antlers, and does. Both were included because, in the woods, it is nearly impossible to tell a doe from a button-buck. Two thousand of the special permits were issued following a public drawing held in Westboro on November 1. In addition, dairy and food crop farmers, who may hunt on their own land without a license were, upon application, issued permits. Officials hope that these measures will reverse the decline in the number of deer in Massachusetts, which has been taking place during the past nine years.

Season dates, limit of one deer, compulsory exhibit of deer carcass while in transit, and report of the deer kill at official checking stations remained unchanged.

Licenses for 1968 are green with prices the same as last year. The increase of one dollar in the cost of most licenses, which went into effect in 1966 is set aside for the acquisition of more land and water areas for hunting, fishing, and trapping, as well as for other recreational purposes. The remainder goes to maintain all other programs of the Division.

Dump Permits

63 Resident at \$.50	\$31.50
4 Non-Resident at \$5.00	20.00
	<hr/> \$51.50

Again, we are indebted to and thank Marion E. Butler for making permits available at her store. She has sold 45 of the 67 stickers reported above. It is a convenience to users of the dump and a help to the clerk to have them for sale at a central location.

Filed

In accordance with the Uniform Commercial Code. 36 Financing Statements.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

ACTION TAKEN AT TOWN MEETINGS DURING 1967

Votes on election of officers have been omitted. For appropriations not included, see department reports. Unless otherwise stated, votes were unanimous.

Article 1

It was voted that the annual reports be accepted as printed.

Article 2

The clerk read the results of the balloting for town officers. All elected were incumbents with the exception of:

Wesley H. Dwelly - Board of Assessors

Robert W. Buron - Planning Board Member

For the complete list, see "Town Officers for 1967".

Article 3

Choosing of committees not required to be elected by printed ballot - Measurers of Wood and Bark, Measurers of Lumber, and Field Drivers. The only newcomer named under this article was Herman A. Spinney, Jr., Field Driver.

Article 4

Fixing the salaries and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided for by Section 108, Chapter 41 of the General Laws. Amounts voted were as follows:

Moderator	\$ 20.00
Selectmen	425.00
Auditor	20.00
Treasurer	475.00
Tax Collector	475.00
Assessors	500.00
Town Clerk	250.00
School Committee	125.00
Library Trustees	45.00
Cemetery Committee	45.00

Article 5

It was voted that the matter of determining what compensation the Town will allow for men and equipment used in repairing highways and opening roads be left in the hands of the selectmen.

Article 6

Voting the amounts to be raised and appropriated or appropriated from available funds in the treasury necessary to pay salaries, expenses and the outlays of the several Town departments for the ensuing year. The total amount approved was \$190,869.70 plus interest from Cemetery Trust Funds. \$3,500 voted for Town Hall maintenance included \$500 for repairs to the Town Hall entry. The \$650.00 voted for Dutch Elm Disease Control was increased by \$33.65 received from the County for this purpose.

Article 7

It was voted that the treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, be authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue for the financial years beginning January 1, 1967, and January 1, 1968, in accordance with the provisions of the General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with the provisions of the General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

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Article 8

It was voted that the sum of \$1,100 be raised and appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 81 Highway Maintenance, and that the sum of \$12,100 be borrowed under the provisions of Article 7 of this warrant to meet the State's share of the cost of the work.

Article 9

It was voted that the sum of \$3,000 be raised and appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance and that the sum of \$6,000 be borrowed under the provisions of Article 7 of this warrant to meet the State and County shares of the cost of the work.

Article 10

It was voted that the sum of \$3,000 be raised and appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Highway Construction, and that the sum of \$9,000 be borrowed under the provisions of Article 7 of this warrant, to meet the State and County shares of the cost of the work, these funds to be used to complete improvements to New Braintree Road as far as the junction with Gaffney Road and to start improvements to Ware Corner Road.

Article 11

It was voted that the sum of \$1,000 be appropriated from the Overlay Surplus, these funds to be used for the purposes of a Reserve Fund.

Article 12

It was voted that the sum of \$2,500 be transferred from the Highway Machinery Fund to the Highway Machinery Account, approximately \$400 of this amount to be used for the purchase of a concrete mixer and the balance to be used to meet ordinary maintenance charges.

Article 13

It was voted that the article be passed over there being no Free Cash for reducing the tax levy.

Article 14

It was voted that the sum of \$125 received from Haven W. Goodwin for perpetual care of cemetery lots 7 and 7A in Pine Grove Cemetery and the sum of \$150 received from Anna R. Olmstead for the H. H. Biscoe Flower Fund, be accepted.

Article 15

It was voted that this article be passed over until Article 17 has been acted on.

Article 16

It was voted that Chapter 139, Sections 1, 2 and 3 of the General Laws, as amended, giving the Board of Selectmen authority to declare any burnt, dilapidated or dangerous building a nuisance to the neighborhood, and to prescribe its disposition, alteration, or regulation, be accepted.

Article 17

It was voted that a permanent Parks and Recreation Committee be established and that the duties and organization of the Committee shall be as follows:

The duties of the committee shall consist of planning and carrying out a recreational program for the Town and of administering any funds that are provided for or made available for recreational purposes unless otherwise specified.

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The committee shall consist of six residents of the Town who shall be appointed by the moderator in the following manner. The moderator of the town meeting when this committee is established, shall, within thirty days of the date of the meeting, appoint two members for a term of one year, two members for a term of two years, and two members for a term of three years, and at each Annual Town Meeting thereafter, or within thirty days thereof, shall appoint two members to said committee for terms of three years each.

Article 15 — voted to be acted upon following action on Article 17.

It was voted that the sum of \$350 be raised and appropriated to purchase and install certain recreational facilities at the Town Hall and School Yard, and that these funds be administered by the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Article 18

It was voted that this article be passed over. It concerned improvement to Stone Road.

Article 19

It was voted that this article, which proposed the purchase of a road sweeper for the Highway Department, be passed over.

Article 20

It was voted that the sum of \$2,561.59 be appropriated from available funds in the treasury if and when these funds are received from the State under the provisions of Chapter 679 of the Acts of 1965, these funds to be used for the permanent reconstruction of a section of Scott Road. There was one opposing vote.

Article 21

It was voted that the term of office of the town treasurer be changed from one year to three years, this change to become effective at the time of the Annual Election in 1968. It was voted to adjourn.

51 voters, 14.5% of the 352 voters registered cast ballots in the election of officers. 55 voters, 15.6% of those registered, attended the business meeting.

Total amount to be raised and appropriated, \$198,319.70.

Moderator's Appointments
Finance Committee

	Terms Expire
Richard J. Hardsog	1970
Frank K. Packard	1970

Permanent Parks and Recreation Committee

Robert W. Buron, Chairman Pro tem	1970
Corenne S. Maxwell	1969
Arthur F. Bealand, Jr.	1969
Mary H. Parsons	1968
James F. Zelnia	1968

Special Meeting — December 14, 1967

Article 1

It was voted that the sum of \$147.03, which amount has been received from the County in Dog Tax Refunds, be appropriated for use to help meet the cost of operating the library.

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Article 2

It was voted that the sum of \$500, which amount has been received from the State as a grant to be used for library purposes be appropriated for use to help meet the cost of operating the library.

Article 3

It was voted that the sum of \$2,000 be appropriated from the Highway Machinery Fund for use to help meet the cost of Snow Removal and Sanding.

Article 4

It was voted that the sum of \$2,000 be appropriated from the Public Assistance and Administration Account for use to help meet the cost of Snow Removal and Sanding

Article 5

It was voted that the sum of \$2,000 be transferred from the Highway Machinery Fund to the Highway Machinery Account, these funds to be used for ordinary maintenance charges.

Article 6

It was voted that the sum of \$500 be appropriated from the Public Assistance and Administration Account for use to help meet the cost of constructing a headquarters for the Police and Civil Defense Departments.

It was voted to adjourn. Fifteen voters were present

Special Meeting — December 29, 1967

Article 1

It was votted that the sum of \$781.95 be appropriated from funds received from the State under Section 5 of Chapter 679 of the Acts of 1965 and voted to be used for the permanent reconstruction of Scott Road under Article 20 of the warrant for the annual town meeting held on March 6, 1967, and that these funds be used to meet the cost of certain repairs to Crawford and/or Lupa Road.

Article 2

It was voted that the sum of \$459.31 be appropriated from the Public Assistance and Administration Account for use to meet certain interest charges.

Article 3

It was voted that the sum of \$200.00 be appropriated from the Public Assistance and Administration Account for use to meet certain Highway Department charges.

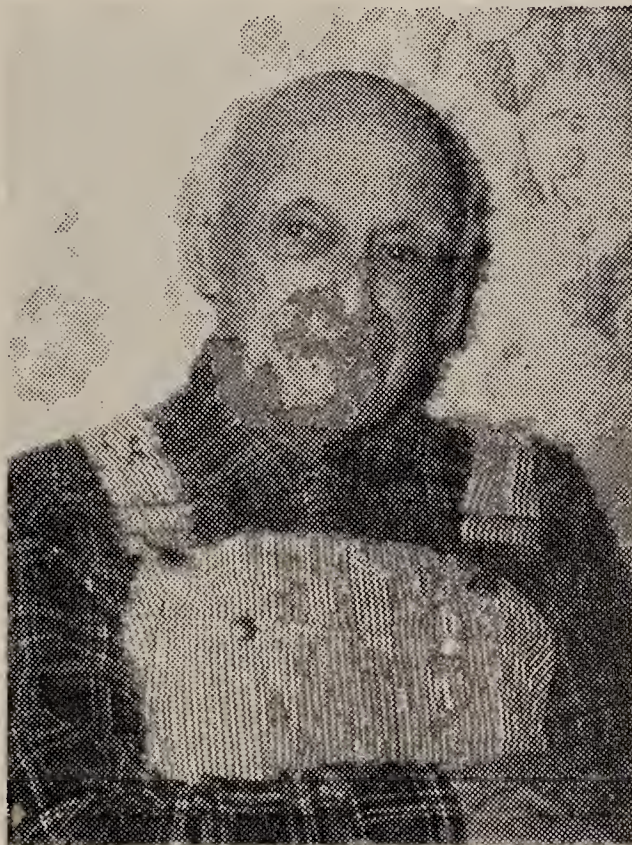
It was voted to adjourn. Ten voters attended the meeting.

DOROTHY P. DAY, Clerk

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

As part of this report we would like to pay recognition to former selectman John P. Day who in addition to being the Town's oldest former selectman is also the Town's oldest male citizen and holds many other distinctions.



Mr. Day has lived in Oakham, where he was born, all his life. Until he moved to his present home in 1947, he lived on the farm now owned by Mr. and Mrs. O. Harold Erickson, where for many years he was engaged in dairying.

He began his service to the town at the age of twenty-three when he was elected auditor, an office he held for four years. In 1905 he commenced his thirty-two years of continuous years on the Board of Selectmen, serving sixteen years as its chairman. He was one of the committee responsible for the building of Fobes Memorial Library, dedicated in 1908, and was on the committee which brought electricity to the town in 1927. During 1926 and 1927 he served the district as Representative in the General Court.

Now, at the age of ninety, Mr. Day is still interested in town affairs, and maintains his belief of a lifetime that Oakham is a good town in which to live.

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Appointments

Chief of Police	Norman L. Drolet
Fire Warden	Sumner J. Crawford
Civil Defense Director	Sumner E. Taylor, Jr.
Dog Officer	Sumner J. Crawford
Wire Inspector	Ralph L. Downer
Inspector of Animals	Henry W. Stone, Jr.
Inspector of Slaughtering	Henry W. Stone, Jr.
Veterans' Agent	Anthony A. Lupa
Burial Agent	Anthony A. Lupa
Superintendent of Streets	Leonard A. Hardy
Town Counsel	Arnold M. Trifilo*
	John H. Campbell
Accounting Officer	Eugene F. Connolly
Board of Appeals	Lewis A. Hodgkinson
Inspector of Gas Installations	Robert Flint

Police Officers

Norman L. Drolet, Chief	Lionel A. Lajoie, Jr.
Ronald Wilkins, Sergeant	Frederick W. Stone
Richard W. Bechan	James F. Zelnia
Herman Spinney, Jr.	Walter E. Cole

Board of Appeals

Raymond Fields	Lewis A. Hodgkinson
Stanley A. Jamara	

Board of Registrars

Arthur F. Bealand	Leone B. Daniels
Dorothy P. Day, Clerk	John P. O'Donnell

Jurors

Wesley Dwelly	Richard Hardsog
Marvell Mann (Drawn)	Leona A. O'Connor (Drawn)
Jerome D. Murphy (Drawn)	

Organization of Board

Roger H. Lonergan - Chairman Selectmen and Welfare Prudential Member; Lionel A. Lajoie - Chairman Board of Health; LeRoy C. Spinney - Clerk.

Finances

The financial problems of the town increased considerably during the year. The tax rate increased from \$160 to \$230 per thousand dollars of valuation and the cash balance in the treasury was depleted to such an extent that it was necessary to borrow over \$100,000 in temporary loans to carry out the normal business of the town.

This situation was caused by several conditions, the most important of which are listed below:

- (1) Failure of receipts, particularly from Sales and Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes to approach estimated receipts.
- (2) Increased expenditures particularly for school purposes.
- (3) Lack of Free Cash to use to help reduce the tax rate and the necessity of raising the sum of \$10,209.59 to meet a "revenue deficit" of that amount.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Much credit must be given to the taxpayers of the town for meeting their commitments and doing a good job of paying their taxes. We realize that this must have caused considerable hardship to them.

The following is a summary of the funds voted at the Annual Town Meeting. There were no funds raised, appropriated or borrowed at any special town meeting during the year.

Raised and Appropriated	Appropriated from Available Funds**	Borrowed**	Totals
\$198,319.70	\$1,000.00*	None	\$199,319.70
Comparable figures for 1966			
\$179,578.55	\$31,950.00	\$6,700.00	\$218,228.55

- * From Overlay Surplus.
- ** Does not include funds appropriated or borrowed in anticipation of revenue or reimbursement.

Debt payments in 1967 totalled \$17,574.00. This was made up of \$12,374.00 as Oakham's share (10.76%) of the debt retirement of the Quabbin Regional School, \$500 on our school building loan, \$2,700 to complete payment on the loan for a police radio system, and a \$2,000 payment on the International truck purchased for the Highway Department.

Fortunately Public Assistance payments were much less than anticipated so that there was an unexpended balance of \$3,764.43 left in the Town Account. \$3,159.31 of this was transferred to other accounts and the balance was returned to the treasury.

Streets and Highways

General maintenance of the streets and highways of the town was continued as usual using Chapter 81 and Chapter 90 Maintenance funds. Also some improvements were made to Hunt Road using Chapter 81 funds. Snow removal and sanding was carried on using town and some Chapter 81 funds.

Reconstruction of New Braintree Road was completed to the junction with Gaffney Road under Chapter 90 Construction. It is our intention to discontinue work on New Braintree Road at this point and to start on the reconstruction of Ware Corner Road.

Work on the reconstruction of a section of Lupa Road was completed during the year using Chapter 679 funds.

General

Due to the shortage of available funds and the high tax rate the number of new or special projects was very limited during the year. However, some improvements were made to the interior of the town hall, a start was made on providing recreational facilities, a complete set of zoning by-laws was prepared by the Planning Board for action by the town at the 1968 Annual Town Meeting and a float was prepared and entered in the Bicentennial Parade of our neighboring town of Hubbardston.

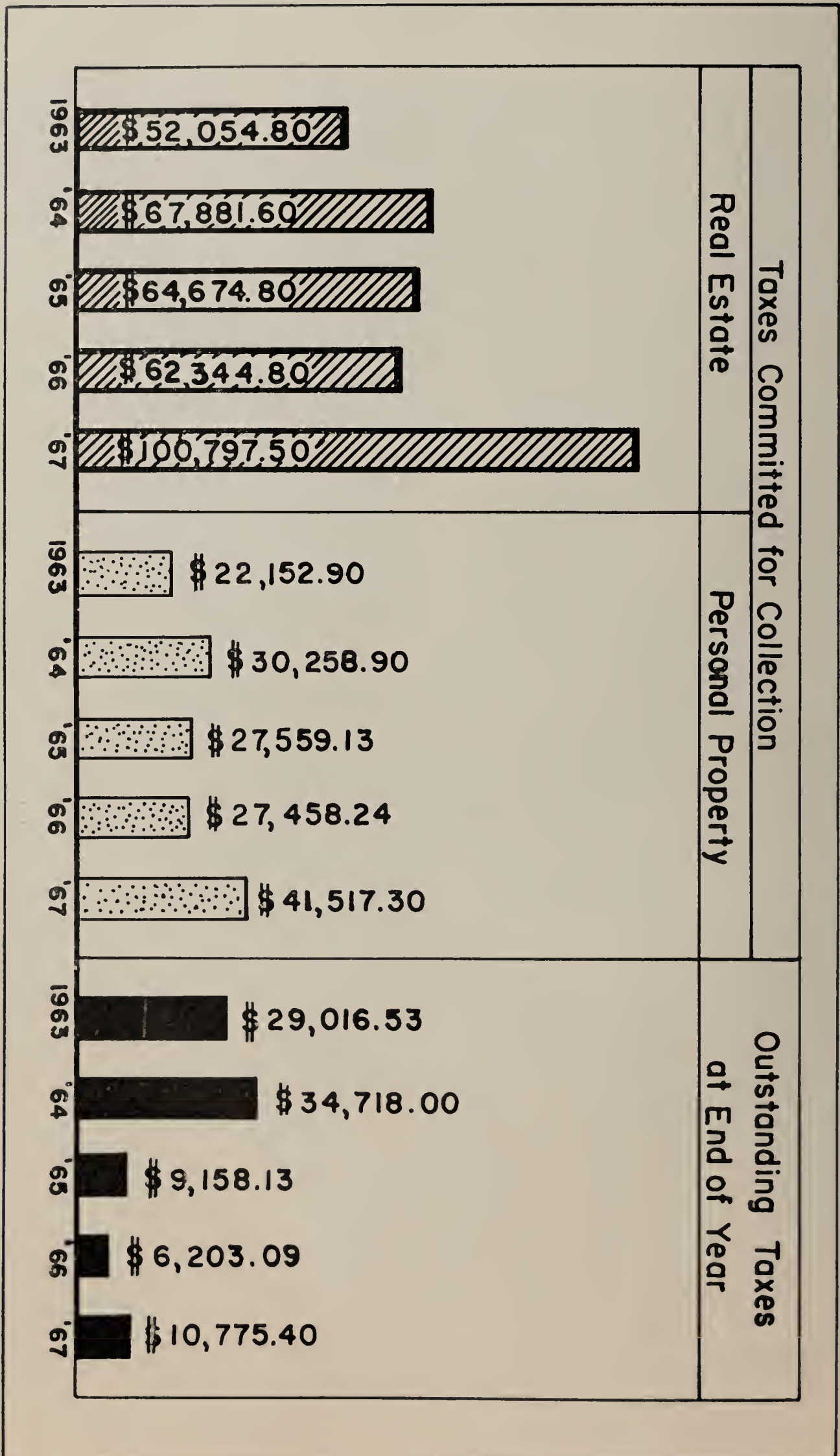
We wish to thank the people of the town for giving us the opportunity to serve them.

Respectfully submitted,
ROGER H. LONERGAN
LEROY C. SPINNEY
LIONEL A. LAJOIE

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS



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GENERAL GOVERNMENT

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

We were, unfortunately, in the fiscal year of 1967, beseiged with an extraordinarily high tax rate, it being the zenith in our State. The tax load on the individual taxpayer escalated accordingly, and the difficulty of tax collections increased in direct proportion.

There can be no denying the spectre of increasing cost and expansion of vital services in the wake of an expanded population. However, a unified effort should be made to regiment these climbing costs, at least to a degree that is palatable and manageable by those who ultimately bear the cost, the taxpayer.

Our town cannot stand still, for stagnation is a luxury none of us can afford. However, any movement must be paced with our pocketbooks and our resources, not those of our neighboring towns.

The tax office, unlike any other public office, deals directly at one time or another during a fiscal year with every individual taxpayer, mostly on monetary matters. It is, therefore, the recipient of criticism and allegations both written and verbal, mostly by the chronic delinquents. There is no favoritism when it comes to meeting one's financial obligation to the Town, and moreover, no taxpayer, contrary to some belief, is immune. The tax office is run solely for the benefit of the Town as the Town is a business and should be run as such.

1967 Taxes Committed for Collection

Real Estate	\$100,797.50
Personal Property	41,517.30
Farm Animal and Machinery Excise	413.50
Motor Vehicle Excise - to Date of Report	15,255.33
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	\$157,983.63

Outstanding Taxes December 31, 1967

Year	Type	Tax	Bills Out
1967	Real Estate	\$8,620.31	33
1967	Personal Property	1,628.40	30
1967	Motor Vehicle Excise	460.69	13
1966	Personal Property	32.00	1
1965	Personal Property	34.00	1
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		\$10,775.40	78

Although the outstanding taxes increased \$4,574.31 over the fiscal year ending December 31, 1966, taxes committed in 1967 DID increase over those of 1966, as shown.

1967 Real Estate	\$38,452.70 increase over 1966
1967 Personal Property	14,059.06 increase over 1966
1967 Farm Animal and Machinery Excise	12.16 increase over 1966
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Total Increase	\$52,523.92

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Summary

Total Revenue Collected in 1967		\$147,170.53
Real Estate Taxes	\$78,870.35	
Personal Property Tax	38,922.78	
Farm Animal and Machinery Excise	447.10	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	17,071.77	
Costs and Interest	211.10	
In Lieu of Taxes - MDC	11,647.43	
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	\$147,170.53	\$147,170.53

On behalf of the Town of Oakham, I wish to thank Mr. Andrew Frieswick, the Deputy Tax Collector, unknown to the majority, but known to the minority, for his help and services during the past year.

Tax Collector

CALVIN C. STEWART

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

I submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1967.

As can be expected with the increase in expenditures and the tax revenue not being received until late in the year, borrowing in anticipation of revenue had to be increased to \$75,000. This borrowing also inflates the cash received and disbursed for the year as it is reflected in both figures.

However, even with the increased borrowing during the year, outstanding municipal debt increased by only \$5,200.

Respectfully submitted,

GORDON R. COLE

Statement of Treasurer's Cash

Balance, January 1, 1967	\$ 14,116.30
Received during 1967	378,479.30
Cash Available	392,595.60
Disbursed during 1967	361,407.86
Balance December 31, 1967	31,187.74
Alden Fund Cash on Hand	4,706.21
Total Cash on Hand	35,893.95

TRUST AND OTHER FUNDS**Library Trust Funds**

	Original Amount	Balance 12/31/67
Harriet F. Gifford	\$5,000.00	\$5,124.58
Carl Wheeler Fobes	1,000.00	1,027.65
B. P. Clark Legacy	605.78	732.02
Samuel R. Dean Legacy	1,513.52	1,823.63
Ethel Bramen Fobes	100.00	187.58
Fobes Memorial	2,000.00	2,030.41
Alfred Parks Wright	500.00	566.44
J. H. O. Lovell Fund	153.00	217.12

Special Funds

	Balance 12/31/67
Post War Rehabilitation	\$ 538.01
Henry Wright Park	533.81
Alden Fund Cash	4,706.21
Cemetery Perpetual Care	14,900.32
Stabilization Fund	6,548.33
Cemetery Cash Account	1,054.62

MUNICIPAL DEBT

	Balance 1/1/67	Borrowed	Payments	Balance 12/31/67
School Building Loan of 1950	\$2,500		\$500.00	\$2,000.00

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Anticipation of Reimbursement				
Loan Chapter 81	12,100.00	12,100.00	12,100.00	12,100.00
Anticipation of Reimbursement				
Loan Chapter 90	5,600.00	15,000.00	5,600.00	15,000.00
Anticipation of Revenue		75,000.00	75,000.00	
Highway Equipment				
Loan Truck	4,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00
Police Equipment				
Loan - Radio	2,700.00		2,700.00	
	<u>26,900.00</u>	<u>102,100.00</u>	<u>97,900.00</u>	<u>31,100.00</u>

REPORT OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Parks and Recreation Committee organized with Arthur F. Bealand as chairman.

Several meetings were held and various methods of providing recreational facilities were considered. Some of these meetings were attended by the principal of the Center School in order to avoid conflicts with school programs and to determine what types of equipment and supplies should be obtained.

The general program decided on was to provide and install at least two good basketball baskets and backboards, a volley ball net and a "jungle gym".

Plans were also made and equipment purchased to build a small skating rink at Wright Park. However because of damage that was done to the plastic material by high winds and also because of the deep snow it was necessary to abandon the project for the present.

It is the intention of the committee to resume activities as soon as weather permits.

ARTHUR F. BEALAND, JR.,

Chairman

ROBERT W. BURON

ROGER H. LONERGAN

CORENNE S. MAXWELL

MARY H. PARSONS

JAMES F. ZELNIA

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board takes pleasure in presenting the tenth annual report to the citizens of Oakham.

The Board organized for the year 1967 with Richard Riley as chairman, Stuart Glendye as clerk, Richard Riley as representative to the Central Mass. Regional Planning Commission and with the following members: Robert Buron, Francis Brennan, and James Barringer.

Throughout the year, the Planning Board met with Mr. Charles Downe, a consultant; and a proposed Zoning By-Law was drawn up for presentation to the town of Oakham at the Annual Meeting.

The lot plan for George Fontaine was approved.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD RILEY

STUART GLENDYE

JAMES BARRINGER

FRANCIS BRENNAN

ROBERT BURON

PUBLIC SAFETY

Reports of the

Police Department

Fire Department

Dog Officer

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REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**Annual Report**

The police department completed another busy year as police work continues to increase.

The new radios have been in operation for a year now and have proven to be most satisfactory.

Recently the Police-Civil Defense office was completed in the downstairs of the library. Our thanks to Sumner Taylor for his hard work in making this office possible.

Members of the police department continue to add to their knowledge of police work by attending schools. This year men attended classes on Highway Safety and Accident investigation. The men attend these schools without cost to the Town for their time and pay expenses out of their own pocket.

A summary of our work for the year as follows:

Calls for Assistance or Complaints	271
Accidents	15
Summons Delivered	36
License Suspensions	13

Respectfully,

NORMAN L. DROLET

Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the year 1967 the Fire Department answered the following calls:

2 Chimney fires; 2 Dump fires; 3 Grass fires; 3 Brush fires; 1 Truck fire.

Also a call to assist the New Braintree fire department with the Howland barn fire, and a call to assist the Spencer fire department at the Reno house fire.

1 Call for resuscitator; 3 Ambulance calls; 3 Calls to pump out cellars.

The members of the Fire Department purchased a Scott Air Pac with funds from their treasury and donated same to the Town of Oakham.

The Fire Department has formed a Junior Auxiliary of boys from 15 through 17 which has been quite active in training with the Fire Department equipment and has helped out at fires when needed.

Respectfully submitted,

SUMNER J. CRAWFORD

Fire Warden and Chief
of the Fire Department

PUBLIC SAFETY

REPORT OF THE DOG OFFICER

During the past year I picked up 12 dogs. Five were returned to their owners and seven were disposed of.

Respectfully submitted,

SUMNER J. CRAWFORD

Dog Officer

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Reports of the

**Board of Public Welfare
Quaboag Welfare District****REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE****Case Load**

Category	1965	1966	1967
Old Age Assistance	12	13	9
Aid to Families of Dependent Children	0	0	0
Disability Assistance	1	2	1
Medical Assistance	4	4	4
General Assistance	1	1	0

Financial Summary

Item	Gen. Assistance	Adm.	Total
Expenditures	\$19,248.00	\$400.00	\$19,648.00
Reimbursements	21,210.19	————	21,210.19
Net cost to town	\$ 1,962.19	\$400.00	\$ 1,562.19
	Credit		Credit

Public Assistance grants for 1967 showed a decrease of \$3,766.87 from those in 1966 while reimbursements decreased only \$1,405.41 so that the town actually received more money in total reimbursements than it paid out in gross expenditures. This is in sharp contrast to the situation in most of our neighboring towns where it was necessary to raise additional funds to finish out the year.

The welfare programs of the town were administered by the staff of the Quaboag Welfare District with their usual efficiency and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,
 ROGER H. LONERGAN
 LEROY C. SPINNEY
 Board of Public Welfare

Report of the Board of Public Welfare

In this report we shall try to outline some of the major changes that affected public welfare financially during 1967.

Increased Personal Property Exemption in Aid to Families With Dependent Children: The ownership by a family of bank deposits, securities, cash on hand, or similar assets cannot exceed the aggregate of \$1,000. The change in the law became effective July 1, 1967 which increased personal property exemption from \$300 to \$1,000.

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Effective September 1, 1967 direct payments on Aid to Families With Dependent Children, Old Age Assistance, Disability Assistance, and personal needs under Medical Assistance were increased in accordance with an increase in the cost of living as reported by the Division on the Necessaries of Life. The cost of living index showed an increase of 3.4% from the period February, 1966 to July, 1967. In order to effect this change, it is necessary to substitute 42.89% as the budget adjustment for the current figure of 39.49%.

Effective January 1, 1967 the rates established by the Board of Rate Setting to be paid to licensed nursing homes for all care given to public assistance recipients are classified into separate groups. These groups and the rates to be paid to nursing homes are classified as follows:

Classification	Per Diem Rate
Group 5	\$9.59
4	8.80
3	8.22
2	7.86
1	6.99

Increased Hospitalization Costs: The following comparison of a Worcester area hospital bill indicates the increased costs of such a facility and how it currently affects each town financially. Please note the sharp rise in cost.

Hospital Care for 19 days covering period 1/12/67 to 1/31/67.
(Date of admittance and date of discharge considered one day.)

Jan. 1, 1967	Broken Down
19 days-total bill \$3,033.70	Fed. Share \$1,299.34
x 85.66%	State Share 866.22
	Local Share 433.11
Pub. Wel. Cost \$2,598.67	
Prior to Jan. 1, 1967	Broken Down
Based on per Diem Rate of	Fed. Share \$367.37
\$38.67 for 19 days = \$734.73	State Share 244.91
	Local Share 122.45

Medical Assistance: The Medical Assistance program was primarily designed to aid all children under 21 whose families cannot afford to pay for all or part of the cost of the medical care they require. (This includes families in which the parents might be employed but do not earn enough to pay for their medical expenses.)

The Board of Public Welfare of each town shall furnish medical assistance to each eligible person who resides therein and whose income and resources are insufficient to meet the costs of necessary medical services. Payment shall be made to the person or institution supplying the medical services.

Any person may apply for Medical Assistance to the Board of Public Welfare of the town in which he resides. A person who is a patient in an institution shall be considered to reside in the town in which he last maintained a residence outside an institu-

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tion; provided, however, that when the person has been a patient in a mental health facility and is ready to return to the community, he shall not be disqualified by reason of not having evidence of a prior residence outside of such facility. In such event, the town where the person is to be placed will be responsible for granting assistance.

Applicants under Medical Assistance shall be notified by the Board of Public Welfare within 30 days after receipt of such application.

No assistance shall be granted to an applicant who at any time within one year immediately prior to the filing of an application for such assistance, has made an assignment or transfer of personal property so as to render himself eligible for such assistance.

The State Department of Public Welfare is authorized to formulate standards necessary for the implementation of the Medical Assistance program.

Applicants have the right to appeal for Medical Assistance by the failure of the Board of Public Welfare to approve or reject an application within 30 days after receiving the application.

Recipient Removing to Another Town: If a recipient of Medical Assistance removes to another town in the Commonwealth and remains in need of continued assistance, the town of his former residence shall be responsible for rendering him such assistance as shall be necessary until the end of the first full month after his removal; provided, however, that when such recipient moves to another town for purposes of entering an institution, the town of his former residence shall continue to be responsible for rendering assistance to him as long as he remains in need thereof and until such time as he may leave the institution and establish residence in another town.

No enrollment fee, premium or similar charge shall be required as a condition of eligibility for medical assistance.

Confidential Nature of Record: The use or disclosure of information concerning applicants and recipients shall be limited to purpose directly connected with the administration of the Medical Assistance program. Publication of list of names of applicants and recipients is prohibited. This is governed by law and imposes fines or imprisonment for the misuse of public welfare names.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE**1 9 6 7 F I N A N C I A L R E P O R T****GENERAL ASSISTANCE****Receipts**

From Appropriation

(Public Assistance Control Account)	\$14,350.00
Refunds	167.95

\$14,517.95

Payments

Paid on Selectmen's Warrants	\$ 91.00
Transferred to:	
Old Age Assistance Account	\$ 3,174.80
Medical Assistance Account	6,959.72

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Aid to families with Dependent Children	0.00	
Disability Assistance Account	128.00	
Quaboag Welfare District Account	400.00	
Transfer by town to various other accounts	3,159.31	
Unexpended bal. returned to Revenue Acct.	605.12	
	<hr/>	\$14,517.95

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE**Receipts**

Federal Reimbursements	\$ 8,146.90	
Federal Grants Account 1/1/67	1,842.54	
State Reimbursements to Estimated Receipts	4,416.24	
Old Age Meal Tax to Estimated Receipts	1,261.21	
Transferred from Public Asst. Control Acct.	3,174.80	
	<hr/>	\$18,841.69

Payments

Paid on Selectmen's Warrants	\$ 6,714.75	
Federal Account 12/31/67	6,449.49	
State Reimbursements to Estimated Receipts	4,416.24	
Old Age Meal Tax to Estimated Receipts	1,261.21	
	<hr/>	\$18,841.69

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE**Receipts**

Federal Reimbursements	\$ 3,994.89	
Federal Grants Account 1/1/67	1,574.43	
State Reimbursements to Estimated Receipts	2,794.65	
Transferred from Public Asst. Control Acct.	6,959.72	
	<hr/>	\$15,323.69

Payments

Paid on Selectmen's Warrants	\$11,721.24	
Federal Account 12/31/67	807.80	
State Reimbursements to Estimated Receipts	2,794.65	
	<hr/>	\$15,323.69

AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN**Receipts**

Federal Reimbursements	\$ 0.00	
Federal Grants Account 1/1/67	305.67	
State Reimbursements to Estimated Receipts	0.00	
Trans. from Public Assistance Control Acct.	0.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 305.67

Payments

Paid on Selectmen's Warrants	\$ 0.00	
Federal Account 12/31/67	305.67	
State Reimbursements to Estimated Receipts	0.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 305.67

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE**Receipts**

Federal Reimbursements	\$ 500.00	
Federal Grants Account 1/1/67	493.87	
State Reimbursements to Estimated Receipts	5.30	
Trans. from Public Assistance Control Acct.	128.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,127.17

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Payments

Paid on Selectmen's Warrants	\$	321.10
State Reimbursements to Estimated Receipts		5.30
Federal Account 12/31/67		800.77

			\$ 1,127.17
Year	Gross Expenses	Reimbursements	Net Expenses
1967	\$19,248.00	\$21,210.19	\$1,962.19 Cr.

Respectfully submitted,
 GEORGE H. DEOTTE, Director

QUABOAG WELFARE DISTRICT
ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT

Receipts

Balance on Hand 1/1/67

Federal	\$9,694.20
State	4,206.29
Town	4,962.29

 \$18,862.78

Reimbursements

Federal	\$19,572.79
State	11,223.89
Advanced by Towns	5,450.00
Refunds	7.00

 \$36,253.68 \$55,116.46
Payments

Salaries	\$27,770.40
Travel	576.21
Postage	337.97
Supplies	240.81
Telephone	598.15
Equipment	781.30
Repair of Equipment	22.15
Rent	1,050.00
Employee's Benefits	799.98
Assessment	2,547.51
Other	65.00

 \$34,789.48

Balance 12 31 67

Federal	\$ 4,698.98
State	10,516.13
Town	5,111.87

 \$20,326.98 \$55,116.46

We would like to express our appreciation to the Prudential Committee of the District, the Board of Public Welfare, and all other town officials for their consideration and cooperation extended during the past year.

QUABOAG WELFARE DISTRICT

Prudential Committee
 Silveau Ledoux, Chairman
 Roger H. Lonergan, Clerk
 Henry W. Duval
 Raymond F. Burke

Administrative Staff
 George H. Deotte, Director
 Barbara B. Elliott, Social Worker
 Patricia A. Shea, Social Worker
 Francese E. Giguere, Clerk-Steno.
 Mary E. Sheldon, Clerk-Steno.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH AND SANITATION

Report of the Board of Health

Routine duties of the Board of Health were continued throughout the year. These included collecting and delivering water samples from the Lake Dean bathing area, investigation of sanitary violations and health hazards, supervision of maintenance of the town dump and other miscellaneous items.

The dump was bulldozed and burned periodically, signs were erected and maintained and it was poisoned twice to eliminate rats which at times infested it. All persons using the dump are requested to comply with the rules and regulations governing its use in order to reduce the cost of maintenance and to keep it from becoming too unsightly.

Steps were taken during the year to more effectively enforce the provisions of the State Sanitary Code. This code covers a large area of sanitary regulation but the area in which we are particularly interested at the present time is that of domestic sewage disposal. It is important that any party wishing to build, repair or alter a sewage disposal system obtain permission from the Board of Health before any work is started. If the sanitary code is complied with and building lots are kept large enough there should be no need for a town sewerage system for many years to come.

In order to obtain some sort of home nursing care the town joined the Wachusett Home Health Care Agency. This is an agency operating out of the Holden District Hospital whose purpose is to provide home nursing care to communities where it is not presently available and to provide information and assistance to persons eligible for assistance under the Medicare program.

The following is a summary of the contagious disease cases reported to the Board during the year.

Disease	Number of Cases Reported
Chicken Pox	3

We again request that all case of contagious diseases be reported to the Board at once.

LIONEL A. LAJOIE, JR.

ROGER H. LONERGAN

LEROY C. SPINNEY

STREETS AND HIGHWAYS

STREETS and HIGHWAYS

REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Highway work is done under the following provisions:

Chapter 81 Maintenance: covers general maintenance of all of the town roads regardless of whether they have been constructed with Chapter 90 funds or not. Under Chapter 81 Maintenance the State reimburses the Town in the amount of \$275 for every mile of town road provided that the town does the work as directed by the State and provides \$25 per mile of its own towards the cost of work done.

Since the town has 44 miles of roadway, figured to the nearest half mile, the town's share of the cost is \$25 x 44 or \$1,100 while the state's share is \$275 x 44 or \$12,100 making a total of \$13,200 available for Chapter 81 Maintenance.

Chapter 90 Maintenance provides for resurfacing, maintaining and improving drainage and some other types of work done on roads built with Chapter 90 Construction funds. Under this class of work the state, town and county each provide funds for one third the cost of the work.

Chapter 90 Construction covers the permanent reconstruction of certain roads selected by the town. Funds are provided in the following percents; State 50%, County 25%, Town 25%.

Bond Issue work is similar to work under Chapter 90 Construction except that the State provides all of the funds in advance while under Chapter 81 and 90 the town must pay for the cost of all of the work and then apply to the state and county for reimbursement.

HIGHWAY SUMMARY SHEET

Road		Work Done Under Chapter 81	
No.	Name		Maintenance
	All roads		General maintenance of all roads, including clearing waterways, scraping, patching, cutting brush, sweeping, etc.
14	Spencer	Road	Sand and asphalt honed - 1100 feet.
17	Lupa	Road	Sand and asphalt honed - 550 feet. Sand and asphalt seal - 1400 feet.
28	Lincoln	Road	Sand and asphalt seal - 950 feet. Sand and asphalt seal - 2100 feet.
29	Maple	Street	Sand and asphalt honed - 1100 feet.
35	Hunt	Road	Sand and asphalt honed - 1500 feet. Rebuild 800 feet
36	Adams	Road	Sand and asphalt honed - 2200 feet.
39	Scott	Road	Sand and asphalt seal - 2100 feet.
41	Whitney	Road	Sand and asphalt honed - 1300 feet.

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**Work Done Under Chapter 90
Maintenance**

1	N. Brookfield	Road	Scarify, gravel, mix and seal 650'
2	New Braintree	Road	No work done under Chap. 90 Maint.
8	Coldbrook	Road	Sand and asphalt seal 1100', sand and asphalt honed 30000'
9	Ware Corner	Road	No work done under Chap. 90 Maint.
13	South	Road	Sand and asphalt seal 4400'
14	Spencer	Road	Sand and asphalt seal 600'
20	Old Turnpike	Road	Sand, gravel, asphalt, hone & roll 4000'. Crushed stone & asphalt rolled 4000'
22	Rutland	Road	No work done under Chap. 90 Maint.

**Work Done Under Chapter 90
Construction**

2	New Braintree	Road	Complete reconstruction to a point just beyond the junction of New Braintree and Gaffney Roads. Includes excavation, filling, gravelling, surface treatment, rebuildings walls and driveways, etc.
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Note: The town now has a total of 17.2 miles of road built under Chapter 90 Construction and partially maintained with Chapter 90 Maintenance funds.

**Work Done Under Chapter 679
Bond Issue**

17	Lupa	Road	Install guard rail, fence and general grading and cleaning up.
39	Scott	Road	Purchase culvert pipe.

Equipment December 31, 1967

1	John Deere Industrial tractor, loader & mower.
1	1953 International Dump Truck
1	1964 Chevrolet Truck with Shunk Automatic Sander Installed
1	1966 International Dump Truck
	Snow Plows
1	Brush Cutter
1	Chain Saw
1	Concrete Mixer

HAROLD GRAY

Highway Superintendent

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Reports of the

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

and the

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

PRINCIPAL OAKHAM CENTER SCHOOL

SCHOOL NURSE

QUABBIN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Norman L. Drolet	Term Expires 1969
Mrs. Mary H. Parsons	Term Expires 1970
Frederick G. Stone	Term Expires 1968

Regular meetings of the School Committee are held on the last Friday of the month at the Center School at 3:00 P.M.

ADMINISTRATION

Superintendent's Office
Henry Woods Building
West Street Barre, Massachusetts
Telephone: 355-4668

Corridon F. Trask, Jr.	Superintendent of Schools
Lloyd W. Buckley	Business Manager
Blanche R. Whitman (Mrs.)	Administrative Assistant
Janice C. Higgins (Mrs.)	Secretary
Gladys I. Simenson (Miss)	Accounting-Secretarial

UNION #63 SPECIAL TEACHERS

	Year Employed
Judith Babineau (Miss), Art	1967
James E. Thayer, Art	1962
Frederick Hoffmeister, Music	1967
Elizabeth Chisholm (Mrs.), Music	1967
Carol Posey (Mrs.), Music (Barre)	—
Joseph J. Valardi, Physical Education	1958
Joyce Dolan (Mrs.), Nurse (Barre & Hardwick only)	1967
William Nicholson, Principal & Grades 5 & 6	1965
Rebecca Cole (Mrs.), Kindergarten	1967
Ruth Kenney (Mrs.), Grades 1 & 2	1965
Marjorie Hamilton (Mrs.), Grades 3 & 4	1956
Betty Nelson (Mrs.), Custodian	
Len Hardy, Custodian	
Mabel Casault (Mrs.), Cafeteria	
Barbara Pierce (Mrs.), Nurse	
Dr. Henry F. Kramer, Physician	

UNION #63 BUDGET

1968

Administration	\$33,268.00
Instruction	40,100.00
Other School Services	2,150.00
Operation & Maintenance of Plant	1,262.00
Acquisition of Fixed Assets	4,360.00
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	\$81,140.00
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Town	%	Union Budget Share of	Local Schools Pupils in	Teachers Number
Barre	49.6	40,246.00	511	22
Hardwick	20.8	16,877.00	214	11
Hubbardston	21.0	17,039.00	216	9
Oakham	8.6	6,978.00	89	4
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	100.0	\$81,140.00		
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OAKHAM CENTER SCHOOL
ENROLLMENT

Grade	K	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	Total
	12	21	10	14	11	11	10	89

JR.-SR. HIGH SCHOOL
ENROLLMENT

Grade	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	Total
Quabbin Regional	18	12	20	14	13	12	89
No. Brookfield						1	3
Rutland-Spec. Class							2
Wachusett Regional			1	1			2

TOWN OF OAKHAM
REGISTRATION OF MINORS AS OF OCTOBER 1, 1967

	5-7 Years	7-16 Years	Total
Boys	16	68	84
Girls	17	52	69
Total	33	120	153
Distribution of Minors:			
Public School	33	116	149
Special Public School		4	4
Students Attending Private and Vocational Schools:			
Naquag Elementary School	2		
Greenfield Vocational	1		
Wachusett Regional	2		
Total	5		

1967 REIMBURSEMENTS

State Aid, Chapter 70	\$ 14,865.46
Transportation	17,638.10
Vocational Education	371.70
Special Education, Chapter 69-71	631.50
	\$ 33 506.76
Appropriation, 1967	\$135,824.34
Balance	3,140.00
Total Expenditures, 1967	132,683.54
Reimbursements	33,506.76
Net Cost	\$ 99,176.78

ANALYSIS OF THE 1968 BUDGET

	1967	1968	Change	% of Budget
Administration	\$ 1,834.20	315.00	-1,519.20	.54
Instruction	34,590.64	35,820.00	1,229.36	61.54
Other School Services	18,482.84	15,130.00	-3,352.84	25.99
Oper. & Maint. Plant	3,568.00	3,850.00	282.00	6.61
Fixed Charges	86.82	50.00	- 36.82	.09
Acquisition of Fixed Assets	1,003.79	440.00	- 563.79	.76
Programs with other Schools	24,428.42	2,600.00	-21,828.42	4.47
	\$ 83,994.71	58,205.00	-25,789.71	100.00

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MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL UNION #63
SCHOOL CALENDAR

1967-68

Actual days of
school per month

September 4 — Labor Day (No school)	
September 5 — Union Teachers' Meeting (No school)	
September 6 — Schools open	18
October 12 — Columbus Day	21
November 3 — Teachers' Convention (No school)	
November 23 — Thanksgiving Recess (No school)	
November 26 — Thanksgiving Recess (No school)	
November 27 — Schools reopen	19
December 23 — Christmas recess through January 1 (dates inclusive)	
January 2 — Schools reopen	22
February 17 — Winter recess through February 25 (dates inclusive)	16
February 26 — Schools reopen	
March	21
April 12 — Good Friday	
April 13 through April 21 (dates inclusive)	
April 22 — School reopen	16
May 30 — Memorial Day (No school)	22
June 30 — Schools close at noon	14
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REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL UNION #63

Barre, Hardwick, Hubbardston, and Oakham

The officers of Massachusetts School Union #63 for the 1967-1968 school year are:

Chairman — Mr. Norman Drolet, Oakham

Chairman	Mr. Norman Drolet, Oakham
Vice Chairman	Mr. Walter Flister, Barre
Secretary	Mrs. Helen Pluta, Hardwick
Clerk	Mrs. Janice C. Higgins, Barre

This first annual report as Superintendent of the newly formed Union #63 will focus on the several significant steps taken to promote a strong system in education which will unite with the Quabbin Regional School District in generating highly effective education from Kindergarten through Grade Twelve.

1. One Central Superintendent's Office, now located in Barre at the Henry Woods Buildings (Old Barre High School) is serving both Union #63 and Quabbin Regional School District. In addition to the Superintendent, this office is staffed by a Business Manager and four Secretarial-Clerical personnel.

2. On September 18, 1967 the new Quabbin Regional High School opened its doors to students of Grades 7-12 making the local school system in each town Grades 1-6. Oakham is the first town to start a public kindergarten and Hardwick is scheduled to start its program the latter part of January 1968, while Barre will initiate its Kindergarten program in September 1968 and Hubbardston, because of crowded facilities, will postpone Kindergarten until September 1969.

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3. Soon after the beginning of Union #63 on July 1, 1967, Union Special Teaching positions were established an Art and Music. Two Art teachers cooperatively provide the special Art instruction for the four towns while the equivalent of two (one full time and two part time) Music teachers provide special Music instructions.

4. In November and December, while working long and seriously on the 1968 Budget, all towns decided to adopt teacher salary schedules equal to the schedule adopted for the Quabbin Regional School District. Effective September 1968:

Bachelor's Degree Range:	\$6000 - \$8520
Master's Degree Range:	\$6300 - \$10,521
Master's + 30 Range:	\$6600 - \$11,022

5. In addition to increased salaries and a schedule that motivates professional improvement of teachers, the salary schedule agreement includes the establishment of "Curriculum Work Days" involving teachers in ten to fifteen days of workshops, seminars, and curriculum study sessions in addition to the 180-185 days scheduled for instruction of children.

6. School Principals have been charged with greater responsibilities for local educational leadership under the new administrative organization. The five Principals of the elementary schools, the Quabbin Principal, and the Superintendent of Schools make up a seven member educational council that meets regularly twice a month to deal with administrative and curriculum leadership problems.

FOCUS FOR THE FUTURE

1. Operation of public kindergarten that effectively promotes the purposes outlined by the state guides, namely: (1) making learning enjoyable for children, (2) strengthening children's perceptual skills, (3) assisting children to adjust to social demands of classroom, (4) identification of children with particular perceptual and/or learning problems followed by individualized help, from kindergarten teacher and specialists.

2. Reorganization of primary grades K-2 into a non-graded phase of early childhood development that concentrates on: (a) diagnosis of each child's strengths and weakness in particular skills of perceiving, reading, computing, and response or desire to learn, (b) as much individualized help as possible for each child through the use of tutors, specialists, and a variety of learning media now being developed.

3. Explore and develop multiple uses for educational television, particularly video taping. Through the use of video tapes and concentrated study increase the awareness on the part of teachers of their interactions with students in the classroom. General concern for the improvements of teacher strategies, methods, and techniques through a self evaluation program. Apply video taping to promotion of individualized learning.

4. Organize and publish complete curriculum guides in all major subjects with emphasis on integrated and sequential programs K-12. It is important that all towns in Union #63 and the Quabbin Regional High School work together on such curriculum development.

5. Improve the music experiences available to all youth with particular focus on increasing the interest and participation in

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instrumental music. Talented and capable special teachers are needed to work with youth in a well organized program from Grades 3-12:

6. Unify the standardized testing programs in all elementary schools and provide teachers with more time and skills in the use of test results.

7. Employ elementary principals on a twelve month basis, allow them more time for educational supervision and leadership, and charge them with more responsibilities for elementary guidance services.

8. Establish teams of teachers to be responsible for the careful study and appraisal of the many new instructional programs and materials now flooding the field of education.

9. Accelerate the emphasis on teacher-parent conferences at the primary level as a substitute and/or supplement for report cards.

10. Have at least one teacher in every elementary school qualified to administer WISC individual intelligence tests and allow time for such teachers to work with children recommended for special testing.

11. Employ an elementary guidance specialist to service the four communities in Union #63. Such a person would help teachers and parents deal with more extreme problems affecting desired learning progress. Such a person would also maintain contact with agencies available to provide more specialized services than those available within our school system.

12. Make careful study of long range facility needs for our educational programs with particular attention to the advantages and disadvantages of regionalization K-12.

13. Strengthen the health instruction program K-12 with particular awareness of the newer approaches of dealing with topics of sex, alcohol, and drugs.

14. Strengthen our physical education programs to meet the newly established state standards---ninety minutes weekly of physical education, a major portion of which should be devoted to vigorous physical activity with adaptive or corrective programs for children who can benefit from such special programs.

15. Continue to promote "Words In Color" as an improved method of teaching beginning reading. This approach is in phase with most recent research concluding that: "best results are achieved by a "code emphasis" approach which focuses the child's attention on a printed word -- and stresses that this word is made up of letters representing sounds that stand for the spelling of words they hear. This is in contrast to the "meaning emphasis" approach which focuses the child's attention on story content and pictures.

This year could properly be called a year of educational adjustment and though the experiences as Superintendent in the four communities has been brief, the cooperation and energetic enthusiasm of school committee members, other school administrators, teachers, and citizens has been commendable and most helpful.

Respectfully submitted,
CORRIDON F. TRASK, JR.
Superintendent of Schools
Union #63

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARY

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL

1967 — A Year of Change

The following are significant changes and improvements in Oakham's elementary school program which were brought about this year:

- (1) Our Junior High students were transferred to the Quabbin Regional, leaving an exciting young climate consisting of grades kindergarten through six at the Center School.
- (2) Our teaching staff and student enrollment have remained basically the same, with the addition of a kindergarten and Mrs. Gordon Cole as its instructor.
- (3) A remedial reading program has been inaugurated. Students needing help (Grades 1-6) receive additional instruction during the afternoon session.
- (4) "Words in Color", a new approach to reading is presently being used in the kindergarten and grades 1 & 2. A new series of reading books and instructional aids have been purchased to improve reading instruction, in these grades.
- (5) A new science program was introduced in Grades 1 & 2 and new science books purchased for that grade.
- (6) Grades 3 through 6 have been partially departmentalized to help the students adjust from the self-contained classroom approach to the departmental program offered at the Quabbin Regional.
- (7) The use of video-tape was introduced to the Oakham school for its appraisal as an audio-visual aid.
- (8) A new approach to teaching art is presently under way. Two art teachers work with the students on an alternating 10-week basis.

New Equipment and General Maintenance

The floor in Grades 1 & 2 has been restored and refinished. A floor polisher has been added to our janitorial equipment to facilitate the maintenance of the classrooms.

A food freezer for our cafeteria was replaced to maintain an efficient school lunch program.

A new school duplicator has been acquired to insure continued service to students and staff members.

The acquisition of tables, chairs, and other equipment has provided our kindergarten room with a variety of equipment to serve our pre-school pupils.

New bulletin boards and fresh paint have been added to the former Junior High wing. New paint in the cafeteria and kindergarten has helped to brighten the school building.

Other routine maintenance was performed.

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A Glimpse of the Future - Needs and Recommendations

(1) The elementary school population is increasing. An overcrowded condition exists today in grades one and two, and there is every indication that this trend will continue and spread to the intermediate grades.

(2) Additional room space will be needed to implement needed educational programs, nursing facilities and to provide the teaching staff with a needed preparation area.

(3) In view of the state physical educational guidelines, our existing facilities are inadequate.

(4) Additional study and research will be pursued in the language arts and reading areas.

(5) All classrooms need further renovation and painting to provide a cheerful environment for our youngsters to pursue their education.

A Closing Note

This has been a busy year-a year of transition and progress and a rewarding year as well. The devotion and hard work of the entire school staff and the parents in the community has helped to achieve this success.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. NICHOLSON

SCHOOL NURSE REPORT

In the winter and spring of 1967, we had the following clinics:

Diphtheria and Tetanus, Grades I and VII	15
Measles, All Grades	11
Pre-school Registration, Pre-schoolers	29
Vaccination, Pre-schoolers	18
Tine Tests, Grades 1 through 8	79

In the fall all pupils were weighed and measured and had their hearing and vision tested. Notes were sent home to the parents of those children who had trouble passing the tests. Dr. Kramer did physical examinations on twenty-nine children in kindergarten, Grades 1 and IV.

During the year I made several home calls to discuss some of the children's health problems with their parents. I had many conferences with teachers, doctor, parents, and student. I excluded from school some children who had contagious diseases, and took or sent home several who became ill while at school. And applied many bandaids and ice packs to numerous cuts and bruises.

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA B. PIERCE, R.N.

School Nurse

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REPORT OF THE
QUABBIN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

The year 1967 continued to be unusually busy and taxing for the members of the committee. Forty-six regular meetings were held during the year. "Move to extend the meeting another half hour" became a common and regular part of most sessions because of long agendas and complex problems. Building construction, equipment purchases, staff selections, and policy formations engaged the greater portion of the committee's work.

Unusually slow pace of school construction caused the postponement of building use by students until September 18, 1967 and during the remainder of the 1967 year the school program was tempered by the conditions in several specialized instructional areas which either limited or eliminated spaces needed for a full program. The auditorium, gymnasium, home economics, and several science areas were being completed after the school program officially started. In spite of handicaps, the school program, which drew together students from the four towns of Barre, Hardwick, Hubbardston, and Oakham for the first time, was initiated with great success and it is the committee's impression that an unusually competent and energetic staff together with the excellent building and facilities is providing the communities with the high level of education that has been the goal during these many months of planning.

The early spring of 1967 found the committee and school administration deeply involved in the hiring of teaching and non-teaching staff. Included in the staffing chores was the particularly painstaking search for a superintendent of schools who would assume top administrative leadership for Quabbin Regional School District and likewise become superintendent of the elementary school program of Union #63. Union #63 includes the same four towns that are in the Quabbin Regional School District. After interviewing and screening many candidates during January through April, the combined Quabbin Regional and Union #63 Committees interviewed final candidates and on May 3, 1967 elected Corridon F. Trask, Jr. for a three year period. Mr. Trask has sixteen years of administrative and supervisory experiences in positions involving elementary, secondary, and vocational education. Prior to accepting the superintendent's position in the Quabbin District, he was serving as Assistant Superintendent at Masconomet Regional Jr.-Sr. High School in Boxford, Massachusetts.

Early in July the Union #63 office moved with Quabbin School District Central Office into the Henry Woods Building (old Barre High School) on West Street, where the four rooms on the second floor were made into the Central Office. To assist the Superintendent of Schools in the business aspect of managing the five school systems, the position of Business Manager was created instead of having an assistant superintendent as is often the case

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in similar regional and union organizations. Late in July, Mr. Lloyd Buckley was recommended by the new superintendent and elected by the school committee as Business Manager for a one year period effective September 1, 1967. Mr. Buckley has been an instructor of accounting at the New England School of Accounting for approximately eleven years, and has been responsible for the management of the business aspects of the school. He, likewise, has had seven years as a Senior Accountant for a Public Accounting Firm.

During the 1967 year three changes occurred in committee membership. In March, Mr. John Ciccone and Mr. Matthew Trifilo replaced Mr. Wayne Cauvin and Mr. Louis Panaccione, as Barre representatives. In August, Mr. Anthony Menegoni was appointed to fill the vacancy of Mr. Ciccone. The first meeting in March the committee elected as its officers: Mr. John Ritter, Chairman; Mr. John Gould, Vice-Chairman; Mrs. Daisy Widing, Secretary; Mr. Thomas Staiti, Treasurer; Mr. Francis Cranston, Legal Counsel.

Dr. Charles L. Bowlby, who served the Quabbin School District for two years in the critical stage of establishment, retired on August 31, 1967. The committee is deeply appreciative of his outstanding leadership and energetic administrative skills that contributed much to the well organized program and outstanding staff.

Transportation routes and schedules were established in the spring of 1967 and contracts were awarded to several different persons for regular and late buses. Decisions to provide two late buses daily to all member towns and to provide bus transportation to and from many evening activities has caused high transportation costs. High interest and participation in numerous school activities afternoons and evenings has resulted from this extensive bus schedule, but the high cost for late buses has prompted the committee to seek some type of compromise that will decrease the expenditures.

Budget planning captured much of the committee's time during November and December. The newly organized Quabbin Teachers' Association became the authorized bargaining agent for the teaching staff and after several sessions with committee representatives a new salary schedule was agreed upon to become effective September 1968.

Bachelor's Range	6,000 - 8,450
Master's Degree Range	6,300 - 10,000
Master's + 30 Range	6,600 - 11,020

"Are we trying to accomplish too much too fast?" became the repeated question as the 1968 Budget reached the final development, and reluctantly the committee decided to cut some programs from the operational budget, with a view toward introducing these programs another year. Adult Education as a budget item was eliminated, but plans will be made to have some self supporting programs established on a limited basis. The extra or late bus budget was drastically decreased with the thought that some compromises can be found to encourage after school activity yet decrease the large number of late bus runs.

LOOKING AHEAD

Now that the Quabbin Regional School is operational, the committee can pause and reflect with pride upon progress to date, but not for long as the true evaluation of a good educational program is ahead. The citizens of the four towns have supported

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the establishment of an excellent program and they will be asked to provide the financial as well as spiritual support necessary to promote excellence in education. The task facing the committee now and in the future is that of promoting policies and practices that will make and keep high standards. Ever increasing costs will keep the citizens well aware of Quabbin Regional High School and the charge to the leaders of the educational program is that of seeking constantly to improve curriculum and teaching techniques in light of the many changes taking place in education.

In particular, the need is great to develop long range plans for both facilities and programs. The enrollments at the school will increase regularly and most all of the member towns will be facing crowded conditions at the elementary level. A study committee has been formed to consider the pros and cons of regionalization in grades K-12 and the State Board of Education recently decided to implement the recommendations of the 1965 Willis-Harrington Act in regard to school districts which will promote the establishment of a single school district for the four towns with a single representative school committee.

**QUABBIN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
TREASURER'S REPORT**

December 31, 1967

BALANCE SHEET

Assets

Cash

Savings Account	\$ 2,325.69	
Petty Cash Fund	25.00	
Operating Account	10,580.47	
Building Account	41,300.74	\$54,231.90

Investments - Schedule A		240,000.00
Receivable from Cafeteria Fund		8,021.66
Accounts Receivable - 1968 Assessments		
Town of Barre	410,475.00	
Town of Hardwick	213,624.00	
Town of Hubbardston	164,190.00	
Town of Oakham	94,453.00	882,742.00

Net Fixed Debt		2,050,000.00
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School Under Construction - (Unexpended)

Land		
Architects' Fees	2,918.89	
General Contract	(17,396.94)	
Clerk of Works	(28,915.30)	
Sewerage Contract	5,188.40	
Other Building Costs	6,146.75	
School Equipment	(177,815.24)	(209,873.44)
		\$3,025,122.12

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Liabilities and Revenue

Payroll Deductions Not Remitted		\$ 9,364.77
Revenue Reserved Until Collected-Town Assessments for 1968		\$882,742.00
Surplus Revenue - Building Fund		
Building Fund - Miscellaneous	203.00	
Interest Earned on Investments	71,353.61	\$ 71,556.61
Reimbursement for Planning Costs-		
In Excess of Estimate		1,139.44
Bonds Payable-3.90% School Construction Surplus Revenue		2,050,000.00
Excess and Deficiency - Operating Fund		10,319.30
		<u>\$3,025,122.12</u>

INVESTMENTS

December 31, 1967

SCHEDULE A

Par Value	Description	Interest Rate	Date Purchased	Maturity Date	Cost
\$140,000.00	State Street Bank & Trust Co. Certificate of Deposit	51/8%	11/13/67	1/15/68	140,000.00
\$1000,000.00	" " " "	5 1/2 %	12/12/67	2/12/68	100,000.00
	TOTAL				<u>\$240,000.00</u>

1967 BUDGET

	1967 Approp.	Expended to 12/31/67	Balance 12/31/67
1000 Administration			
Total 1000 Approp.	31,679.00		
1100-00-2 Sal. Com. Sec.	300.00	218.00	82.00
3 Sal. Com. Treas.	1,500.00	1,500.00	
4 Contracted Ser.	300.00	1,125.34	825.34*
5 Supplies & Mat.	100.00	12.89	87.11
6 Other Expense	700.00	785.89	85.89*
7 Interest	300.00	287.00	13.00
1200-00-1 Sals., Prof.	14,500.00	16,040.52	1,540.52*
2 Sals., Sec. & Cler.	9,100.00	12,874.69	3,774.69*
4 Contr. Ser.	1,820.00	2,930.27	1,110.27
5 Supplies	800.00	2,624.44	1,824.44*
6 Pstg, Prntg, Travel, etc.	2,250.00	2,166.27	83.73
2000 Instruction			
Total 2000 Approp.	250,281.00		
2200-00-1 Sals., Prof.	17,750.00	18,324.03	574.03*
2 Sec. & Cler.	4,700.00	3,937.55	762.45
4 Contr. Ser.	2,000.00	1,832.50	167.50
5 Supplies, Mat.	1,500.00	5,504.68	4,004.68*
6 Trav., Grad., misc.,	1,075.00	929.15	145.85

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2300-00-1	Sals., Prof.	149,000.00	127,647.37	21,352.63
2	Sals., Non Prof.	4,500.00	3,472.72	1,027.28
4	Assemblies	200.00	—	200.00
5	Supplies, Mat.	10,550.00	11,651.67	1,101.67*
6	Travel	500.00	210.65	289.35
2300-32-1	Sals., Prof.	5,300.00	4,830.64	469.36
4	Contr. Ser.	125.00	—	125.00
5	Supplies	350.00	—	350.00
6	Travel, Other	50.00	—	50.00
2300-36-1	Sals., Sum. Sch.	—		
5	Supplies	—		
2400-00-5	Textbooks	37,993.00	29,607.12	8,385.88
2400-32-5	Spec. Cl. Texts	750.00	711.59	38.41
2500-00-1	Sal., Librarian	3,600.00	2,584.64	1,015.36
2	Sal. Lib. Cl.	2,000.00	847.76	1,152.24
5	Lib. Bks., Supp.	400.00	701.26	301.26*
2500-00-5	Ref. Books	—		
2500-32-5	Spec. Cl. Ref.	—		
2600-00-1	Sal. A.V. Dir.	80.00		80.00
5	Supplies	1,000.00	935.87	64.13
6	Travel	25.00		25.00
2710-00-1	Sals. Prof. Guid.	5,333.00	6,522.96	1,189.96*
2	Sals. Sec. & Cler.	700.00	683.15	16.85
5	Supp., Mat. Ref. Bk.	700.00	369.29	330.71
6	Travel	100.00	—	100.00

3000 Other School Services**Total 3000 Approp. 39,767.00**

3100-00-3	Attend. Officer	50.00		50.00
5	Other Exp., Trav.	50.00		50.00
3200-00-1	Sals., Prof.	2,337.00	2,501.16	164.16*
5	Supp. & Mat.	100.00	3.80	96.20
6	Travel	20.00		20.00
3300-00-4	Pupil Trans.	23,000.00	44,182.67	21,182.67*
6	Transportation	2,300.00	780.35	1,519.65
3400-00-3	Sal., Non. Prof.	2,000.00	1,846.08	153.92
3510-00-1	Sals., Prof.	3,050.00	1,700.00	1,350.00
5	Supplies	5,410.00	5,759.27	349.27*
6	Travel	50.00	50.70	.70*
3520-00-1	Sals., Prof.	1,300.00	180.00	1,120.00
6	Stud. Cncl. Exp.	100.00		100.00

4000 Operation & Maintenance of Plant**Total 4000 Approp. 23,275.00**

4110-00-3	Sals., Non Prof.	12,100.00	10,902.65	1,197.35
5	Supplies	2,000.00	2,323.59	323.59
6	Travel	25.00	82.88	57.88
4120-00-4	Heat	3,500.00	3,310.75	189.25
4130-00-4	Utilities	4,200.00	3,680.10	519.90
4210-00-4	Contr. Ser.	750.00	293.00	457.00
4210-00-5	Maint. Grnds.	50.00	127.25	77.25
4220-00-5	Maint. Bldgs.	150.00	872.63	722.63*
4230-00-5	Maint. & Rpr. Equip.	500.00	59.57	440.43

5000 Fixed Charges**Total 5000 Approp. 8,047.08**

5200-00-4 Chap. 32B

8,047.08

4	Insurance	5,604.39		2,442.69*
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7000 Acquisition of Fixed Assets

Total 7000 Approp.	100.00		
7100-00-4 Contract. Service	—		
7300-00-8 New Equip.	100.00		100.00
7320-80-8 P.L. 864-T III	—		
7330-00-8 P.L. 864-T V	—		
7340-00-8 P.L. (Elem. & Sec. Act.)	—		
7400-00-8 Replcmt. Equip.	—		
Grand Total Operating	353,140.08		
8000 Debt and Interest Service			
8150 Debt Retirement			
8150-00-6 Principal	115,000.00	115,000.00	—
8250-00-6 Int. on Bonds	84,435.00	84,435.00	—
GRAND TOTAL	552,575.08	545,565 75	7,009.33
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*Denotes overdraft
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QUABBIN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
EXCESS AND DEFICIENCY

December 31, 1967

Surplus Balance, December 31, 1966		5,073.90
Add:		
Interest Earned on Savings Account	2,325.69	
Excess of 1967 Appropriations over		
Cash Disbursed	7,009.33	
Miscellaneous Income	30.90	9,365.92
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		14,439.82
Less:		
Excess of Estimated Receipts over		
Actual Cash Collections		4,120.52
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Surplus Balance, December 31, 1967		\$10,319.30
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RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS - OPERATING
JANUARY 1, 1967 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1967

SCHEDULE C

Cash Balance, December 31, 1966		\$ 10,994.95
Add: Receipts		
1967 Assessments - Member Town		
Barre	\$205,380.11	
Hardwick	106,912.61	
Hubbardston	82,284.69	
Oakham	47,575.67	442,153.08
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Unremitted Payroll Deductions		9,364.77
Transfer from Payroll Account		200.00
Interest Received on Savings Account		2,325.69

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Driver Education Students Tuition	1,120.00	
Transfer from Building Account	40,000.00	
State Grants - 1966 and 1967	130,245.40	
Miscellaneous	89.68	
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Total Cash Available		\$636,493.57
Less: Disbursements		
1967 Budget Expenditures (Sched. B)	545,565.75	
Payments for Cafeteria Fund	8,021.66	
Payment in Anticipation of State Grant	70,000.00	
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Total Disbursements		\$623,587.41
Cash Balance, December 31, 1967		12,906.16
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Cash Balance Consists of:		
Regular Checking Account		10,580.47
Savings Account		2,325.69
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		\$ 12,906.16
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RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS - BUILDING FUND

JANUARY 1, 1967 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1967

SCHEDULE D

Cash Balance, December 31, 1966		337.75
Add: Receipts		
Matured Investments		
Treasury Bills		
Certificates of Deposit	3,653,000.00	
		3,653,000.00
Interest Earned On Investments		
Treasury Bills		
Certificates of Deposit	70,353.47	
		70,353.47
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Total Cash Available		3,723,691.22
Less: Disbursements		
Investments Purchased		
Treasury Bills		
Certificates of Deposit	2,757,000.00	2,757,000.00
1967 Payments for School Construction		
Architect's Fees	13,133.00	
General Contract	767,746.60	
Sewerage Contract	2,872.73	
Clerk of the Works	10,552.30	
School Equipment	89,522.03	
Other Construction Costs	1,563.82	885,390.48
Transfer to Operating Fund		40,000.00
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Total Cash Disbursements		\$3,682,390.48
Cash Balance, December 31, 1967		\$ 41,300.74
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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE
FOBES MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

Appropriation	\$1,600.00
Received from refund of dog tax	147.03
State Aid Transfer	500.00
Interest from Trust Funds	157.33
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Available	\$2,404.36
Expended	2,404.36
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The library underwent two major changes during this past year. Last fall, Mr. W. Aubrey March removed the old putty from each pane of glass and reputtied and painted every window in the building. All other wooden trim and the iron grille work was also scraped and painted. The roof gutters and flashing were also repaired.

At the present time Mr. March is fixing the top of the outside pole lamps and when they can be rewired they will once again grace the front entrance.

Interest from trust funds was used to cover the cost of the above repairs.

The other major change was the loss of Mrs. Dorothy V. Lupa, as librarian. It was with regret the trustees accepted her resignation, following her seven years of faithful service. She will be remembered fondly by the library's many patrons and friends for her patience and cooperation during her years as librarian.

Mrs. Maude M. Stone was appointed librarian in September and has to date attended three workshop courses in order to increase her efficiency to assist you.

Plans for the next year include the purchase of a new lawn mover and further improvements to the inside of the building.

Respectfully submitted,

RONALD WILKINS, Chairman

FANNIE TUCKER

DOROTHY LUPA, Clerk

LIBRARY

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

To the Trustees of the Fobes Memorial Library:

Having been librarian for but a short time, I shall endeavor to do little but present the facts, most of which were compiled by our former librarian, Mrs. Dorothy Lupa. I would, however, like to express to you and my fellow townspeople, my pleasure at being appointed librarian; for I can think of no where I would rather be than among good books. I shall do my best to assist each and every patron, seeking information for I sincerely hope the first place Oakham residents will come for information and pleasure reading will be our library.

During the past few years we have become better able to assist those seeking knowledge because of aid and books available from the Central Massachusetts Regional Library System.

The Regional bookmobile from which 210 books were loaned for an indefinite period is also a great help.

Special books requested by Oakham residents were borrowed from the inter-loan department of the Worcester Regional Library. The total borrowed was 225 books.

Our circulation of books for the year was over 5,000 and our magazine circulation nearly 1,000. This is an increase over last year, and a good indication your library is fulfilling its purpose.

Ninety-two adult books were purchased and 19 were gifts. 70 children's books were added to our shelves this past year.

I have attended several workshops since my appointment as librarian and hope to add to my knowledge and efficiency each year.

I would also like to express my thanks to Mrs. Lupa and the trustees for their help and patience and look forward to seeing all of you enter and explore the possibilities of your library, during 1968.

Respectfully submitted,

MAUDE M. STONE

Librarian

CEMETERIES

CEMETERIES

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

Work progressed in the New Section of South Cemetery. We now have for sale 36 2-grave lots in Section A, and hope this section will be completed in 1968. Although 1967 was very productive in rainfall, it resulted in more time spent in mowing and equipment breakage. We were still, however, able to return \$207.16 to the General Fund. Perpetual Care funds received in 1967 totalled \$230.00.

Cemetery Costs

1967 Appropriation	\$ 900.00	
Salaries	45.00	
Perpetual Care Interest	633.06	
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	\$1,578.06	\$1,578.00
Superintendent	\$ 719.00	
Labor	182.52	
Mileage	72.88	
Trees	30.90	
Repairs - equipment	117.70	
Lime	12.50	
Hire of equipment	30.00	
Stationery, postage, seeds and other	160.40	
Salaries	45.00	
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	\$1,370.90	\$1,370.90
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To General Fund		\$ 207.16
1967 Annual Care		\$ 148.00
Unused Appropriation		207.16
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		\$ 355.16

CALVIN C. STEWART, Chairman

DONALD C. AGAR

THEODORE F. MURPHY

DOROTHY P. DAY, Clerk

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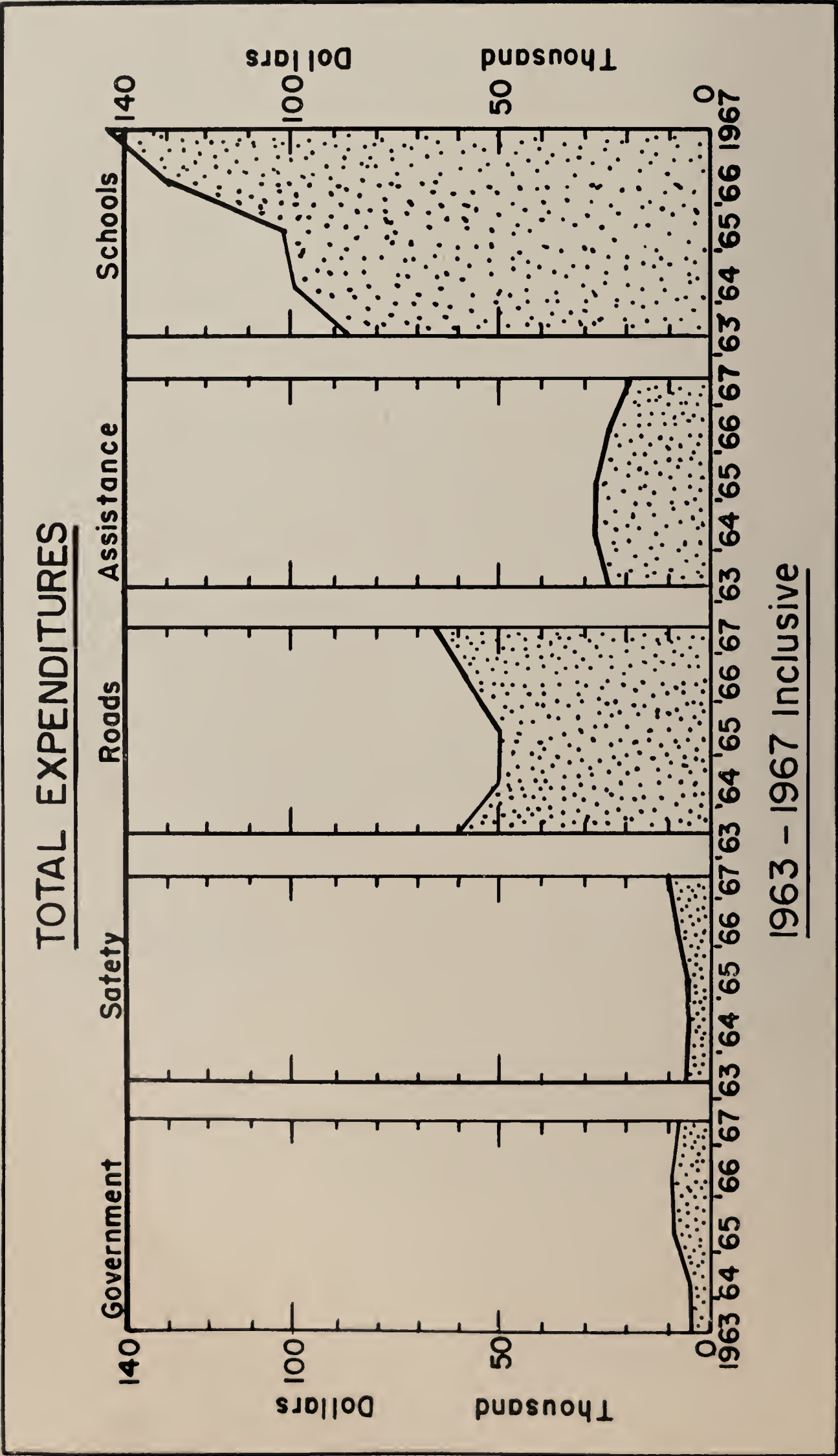
REVENUE

ACCOUNTING OFFICER'S BALANCE SHEET

APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERS

REVOLVING FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS CARRIED INTO 1968

ITEMIZED ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURES



REVENUE

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

General Revenue	\$203,057.95
Commercial Revenue	17,682.82
Commercial Revenue - Departmental	48,101.99
Commercial Revenue - Cemeteries	173.00
Commercial Revenue - Interest	2,707.67
Loans to Town (Municipal Debt)	102,100.00
Agency, Trust and Investment	8,416.56
Refunds and Transfers	511.66
Total	<u>\$382,751.65</u>

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS

General Government	\$7,623.52
Public Safety	10,075.54
Health and Sanitation	599.62
Streets and Highways	66,133.45
Public Assistance and Veterans Services	19,275.60
Schools and Library	140,526.69
Recreation and Unclassified	8,975.06
Cemeteries	1,373.15
Interest and Maturing Debt	99,359.31
Agency Trust and Investment	8,001.21
Refunds and Transfers	1,552.20
Total Expenditures	<u>\$363,495.35</u>

GENERAL INFORMATION

Determination of Tax Rate

Total Valuation of Personal Property	\$180,510.00
Total Valuation of Real Estate	438,250.00
Total Valuation of Personal Property Plus Real Estate	<u>\$618,760.00</u>
Net Amount of Funds to be Raised by Taxation	\$142,314.80
Tax Rate for 1967 equals \$142,314.80/\$618,760.00 which amounts to 23 cents per dollar or \$230 per thousand dollars of valuation.	

REVENUE

General Revenue

Taxes	
Current Year	
Personal	\$38,291.55
Real Estate	75,075.45
Previous Years	
Personal	630.72
Real Estate	3,794.90
Tax Title Redemptions	219.15
From State, Corp. etc.	44,900.80
	<u>\$162,912.57</u>
Licenses and Permits	
Liquor	550.00
Milk	6.00
All Other	34.00
	<u>590.00</u>

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Fines		
Court	15.00	15.00
Grants and Gifts		
Federal		
Old Age Assistance	2,746.00	
Disability Assistance	500.00	
Medical Assistance	3,994.89	
		7,240.89
State		
School Transportation	17,638.10	17,638.10
Highways		
Chapter 81 Maintenance	12,099.79	
Chapter 679 - Bond Issue	2,561.59	
		14,661.38
Total General Revenue		<u>\$203,057.94</u>

Commercial Revenue

Grants and Gifts		
Dog Tax Refunds from County	\$ 147.03	\$ 147.03
Privileges		
Motor Vehicle Excise	17,134.69	
Farm Animal Excise	401.10	
		<u>\$ 17,535.79</u>
Total Commercial Revenue		<u>\$17,682.82</u>

Commercial Revenue - Departmental

General Government		
Treasurer	\$ 13.29	
Town Hall Rent	5.00	
		18.29
Public Safety		
From County-Dutch Elm Control	28.15	28.15
Health and Sanitation		
From State-Insp. Animals Refund	17.50	17.50
Dump Permits	51.50	51.50
Highways		
Chap. 90 Maint.		
State	\$5,300.00	
County	\$5,300.00	
		<u>\$10,600.00</u>
Chap. 90 Cons.		
State	5,995.56	
County	2,997.78	
		8,993.34
Sale of Materials		
Plows	50.00	
Machinery Rentals	9,985.43	
		<u>\$29,628.77</u>
Public Assistance		
Medical Aid		
State	\$2,502.66	
Old Age Assistance		
State	1,968.85	
Reimbursement on lien	9,000.00	
		13,471.51
Veterans Benefits		
State	70.00	70.00

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Schools		
Sale of Furniture	180.00	
School Lunch	4,390.27	
Fines	6.00	
Unclassified		4,576.27
Insurance - stolen property	240.00	240.00
Total		<u>\$48,101.99</u>

Commercial Revenue - Cemeteries

Sale of Lots	\$ 25.00	
Care of Lots	148.00	\$ 173.00

Commercial Revenue - Interest

Charges due Collector	\$ 96.00	
Interest on Deferred Taxes	92.31	
On Tax Titles Redeemed	3.90	
On Farm Animal Excise	0.26	
On Motor Vehicle Excise	23.53	
Libraries		
Trust Funds	1,856.36	
Cemeteries		
Perpetual Care	635.31	
		<u>\$2,707.67</u>

Municipal Indebtedness

Temporary Loans		
Anticipation of Revenue	\$75,000.00	
Anticipation of Reimbursement		
Highway Loans	27,100.00	\$102,100.00

Revenue

Agency Trust and Investment		
Payroll Deductions		
Federal	\$5,338.24	
County	707.92	
State	726.23	
	<u>\$6,772.39</u>	
Dog Licenses for County	381.25	
Cemetery Perpetual Care	330.00	
Alden Fund	932.92	
		<u>\$8,416.56</u>

Refunds and Transfers

Public Assistance	\$ 167.95	
Library	75.86	
All Other	267.85	
		<u>\$ 511.66</u>
		<u>\$382,751.65</u>

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BALANCE SHEET — DECEMBER 31, 1967

TOWN OF OAKHAM

Assets		Liabilities and Reserves	
Cash		Temporary Loan:	\$27,1000.00
General		In Anticipation of Reimbursement	
Advance for Petty		Payroll Deductions:	1,874.32
Library	\$ 10.00	Federal Taxes	275.19
Police Department	25.00	State Taxes	166.77
		County Retirement System	2,316.28
Accounts Receivable			
Taxes		Dog Licenses - For County	22.25
Levy of 1961:		Library Gifts	30.00
Real Estate	171.56	Cemetery Perpetual Care Bequest	200.00
Levy of 1962:		Trust Fund Income	
Real Estate	173.40	Mary Alden	5,785.08
Levy of 1963:		Tailings - Unclaimed checks	25.28
Real Estate	178.50	Federal Grants:	
Levy of 1964:		Disability Assistance	800.77
Real Estate	229.50	Medical Assistance	807.80
Levy of 1965:		Aid to Dependent Children	305.67
Personal Property	34.00	Old Age Assistance	6,449.49
Levy of 1966:		School National Defense	
Personal Property	32.00	Education Title III	385.43
Levy of 1967:			
Personal Property	2,750.25		
Real Estate	8,092.00		8,749.16

Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise: Levy of 1967	461.69	Appropriation Balances Revenue	3,049.61
Tax Title and Possessions Tax Title	2,455.18	Non-Revenue Fire Station Construction	13.22
Tax Possession	63.90	Overestimate 1967 County Tax	3,062.83
Departmental: Medical Assistance Cemetery	309.43 52.00	Sale of Cemetery Lots Fund	250.71
Aid to Highways: State County	28,278.13 9,000.00	Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Dump Permits Road Machinery	105.95 234.00 6,678.11
Unprovided for or Overdue Accounts: Underestimate 1967		Reserve Fund Overlay Surplus	3,404.67
State Recr. Areas Assess.	111.25	Overlays Reserved for Abatements: Levy of 1965	34.00
Fire Department	1.95	Revenue Reserved until collected: Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise	461.69
Road Machinery Maintenance	116.55	Tax Title and Possession	2,519.08
School Lunch	1,221.96	Departmental	361.43
Overlays		Reserve for Petty Cash	3,342.20
Levy of 1966	856.00	Surplus Revenue	35.00
Levy of 1967	2,630.44		29,252.72
			<u>\$90,394.24</u>

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APPROPRIATIONS

Account	Approp. from funds raised by taxation	Appropriated from Other Accounts Account	Appropriated by Other Accounts Account	Approp. from Reserve Fund	Bal. of Funds Avail.
General Government					
Moderator	\$ 20.00			\$ 55.05	\$ 20.00
Selectmen	850.00				905.05
Auditing	600.00				600.00
Treasury	775.00			9.70	775.00
Tax Collector	900.00				909.70
Assessors	650.00				650.00
Planning Board	50.00				50.00
Legal Expenses	50.00				50.00
Town Clerk	350.00				350.00
Elec. & Regis.	165.00				165.00
Town Hall Maint.	3,500.00				3,500.00
Totals	\$7,910.00			\$ 64.75	\$7,974.75
Public Safety					
Police Dept.	\$1,600.00			\$ 250.06	\$1,850.06
Fire Dept.	2,500.00			271.42	2,771.42
Inspection of Wires	25.00				25.00
Insect Pest Control	100.00				100.00
Dutch Elm Dis. Con.	650.00	County	\$33.65		683.65
Tree Warden	150.00			16.10	166.10
Dog Officer	125.00				125.00
Civil Defense	100.00	Pub. Assist.	500.00		
		Carried over	210.35		810.35
Comp. Insur.	800.00				800.00
Pol. radio sys.-note	2,700.00				2,700.00
Totals	\$8,750.00		\$744.00	\$537.58	\$10,031.58

Health and Sanitation

Board of Health	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Town Dump	375.00	375.00
Insp. of Animals	35.00	35.00
Insp. of Slaughtering	25.00	25.00
Totals	<u>\$485.00</u>	<u>\$485.00</u>

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

STREETS AND HIGHWAYS

Snow Removal and Sanding	\$10,000.00	Pub. Assist.	\$2,000.00		\$14,000.00
Chapter 81 Maint.	1,100.00	Machinery Fund	2,000.00		13,200.00
Chapter 90 Maint.	3,000.00	Borrowed	12,100.00		9,012.21
Chapter 90 Const.		Borrowed	6,000.00	\$12.21	
1966 Account		Carried over	9,836.55		9,836.55
1967 Account	3,000.00	Borrowed	9,000.00		12,000.00
Vacation Pay	360.00				360.00
Highway Department	800.00	Pub. Assist.	200.00		1,000.00
Inter. Truck-Note	2,000.00				2,000.00
Street Lights	750.00				750.00
Chapter 679					
Lupa Road-1966		Carried over	943.75		1,725.70
		Scott Rd. 1967	781.95		1,779.64
Scott Road-1967		State Grant	2,561.59	Lupa Rd.	
Machinery Account					
Annual Meeting		Mach. Fund	2,500.00		
Dec. 14th Meeting		Mach. Fund	2,000.00		4,500.00

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PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Public Assist. and Administration	\$14,350.00		
		Snow & Sand	\$2,000.00
		Civil Def.	500.00
		Interest	459.31
		High. Dept.	200.00
			<u>3,159.31</u>
Veterans Services	300.00		\$11,190.69
			300.00
Totals	<u>\$14,650.00</u>		<u>\$11,490.69</u>

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARY

School. Com. Sal.	\$125.00		\$ 125.00
Schools-General	83,994.81		84,380.27
Voc. Tuit. & Trans.	3,657.40	\$385.46	3,657.40
School Lunch Prog.	500.00		500.00
Quab. Reg. School	47,575.67		47,575.67
Lib. Comm. Sal.	45.00		45.00
Library-General	1,600.00		
		Dog tax ref.	\$147.03
		State Grant	500.00
			<u>2,247.03</u>
Totals	<u>\$137,497.88</u>	<u>\$385.46</u>	<u>\$138,530.37</u>

RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED

Care-town common	\$150.00		\$ 150.00
Wright Park Maint.	125.00		125.00
Mem. Day Observ.	125.00		125.00
Care-Town Clock	50.00		50.00
4-H Club	100.00		100.00
Annual Reports	700.00		700.00
Worc. Co. Ret.	1,379.90		1,379.90
Stabiliz. Fund	2,500.00		2,500.00
Region. Plan. Dist.	41.92		41.92
Finance Comm.	50.00		50.00
Rec. Facilities	350.00		350.00
Totals	<u>\$5,571.82</u>		<u>\$5,571.82</u>

EXPENDITURES

CEMETERIES			
Cem. Comm. Sal.	\$ 45.00		\$ 45.00
Cemeteries-General	900.00	Interest	\$633.06
Totals	\$945.00		<u>\$1,578.06</u>
INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT			
Interest	\$1,000.00	Pub. Assist.	\$459.31
Maturing Debt	500.00		
Totals	<u>\$1,500.00</u>		<u>\$1,459.31</u>
Revolving Funds and Accounts Carried into 1968			
Account	Available	Expended	Carried Over
Fire Station Const.	\$13.22		to 1968
Civil Defense	\$810.35	\$747.31	\$13.22
Public Assistance - See report of Quaboag Welfare District			\$63.04
Highways			
Chapter 90 Cons.	\$21,836.35	\$21,300.96	\$ 535.39
Chap. 679 Cons.	3,505.34	2,146.67	1,358.67
Machinery Account	4,500.00	4,616.55	-116.55
School Lunch	3,260.34	4,482.30	-1,221.96*
* This account subject to comparison and reconciliation with School Union accounts.			
Recreational Facilities	350.00	107.05	242.95

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SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS

Account	Amount
General Government	
Moderator	\$ 20.00
Selectmen	905.05
Auditing	579 80
Treasury	763.98
Town Clerk	348.47
Elections and Registrations	129.50
Tax Collector	909.70
Assessors	649.49
Planning Board	4.50
Legal Fees	15.00
Town Hall Maintenance	3,298.03
Total	<hr/> \$7,623.52
Public Safety	
Police Department	\$ 4,817.06
Fire Department	2,773.37
Civil Defense	747.31
Inspection of Wires	25.00
Insect Pest Control	100.00
Dutch Elm Disease Control	653.70
Tree Warden	166.10
Dog Officer	96.00
Compensation Insurance	697.00
Total	<hr/> \$10,075.54
Health and Sanitation	
Board of Health (Administration)	\$ 8.10
Worc. Co. T.B. Hosp. Assessment	297.22
Town Dump	234.30
Inspection of Animals	35.00
Inspection of Slaughtering	25.00
Total	<hr/> \$ 599.62
Streets and Highways	
Chapter 81 Maint.	\$13,199.73
Chapter 90 Maint.	9 012 21
Chapter 90 Cons.	21,300.96
Chapter 679 Cons.	2,146.67
Snow & Sand	13,863.44
Machinery Account	4,616.55
Highway Department	997.76
Street Lights	636.13
Vacation Pay	360.00
Total	<hr/> \$66,133.45
Public Assistance and Veterans' Services	
Public Assistance and Administration	\$19,248.00
Veterans' Services	27.60
Total	<hr/> \$19,275.60

EXPENDITURES**Schools and Library**

Schools	\$137,079.84
Library	2,497.82
Library Trust Funds	949.03
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	\$140,526.69

Recreation and Unclassified

Care of Town Common	\$ 144.95
Wright Park Maintenance	71.79
Recreational Facilities	107.05
Memorial Day Observances	147.32
Care of Town Clock	50.00
Town Reports	678.50
Planning Board Master Plan	1,500.00
Worc. Co. Retirement Assessment	1,379.90
4-H Club	97 25
Cent. Mass. Reg. Plan. Dist.	41.92
Finance Committee	42 00
Worc. County Tax	3,926.57
State Assessments	787.81
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Total	\$ 8,975.06

Cemeteries

Cemeteries	\$ 1,373.15
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Interest and Maturing Debt

Interest	\$ 1,459.31
Maturing Debt	97,900.00
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Total	\$99,359.31

Agency, Trust and Investment

Agency	\$ 4,931.54
Perp. Care Bequests	130.00
Alden Fund	430.50
Stabilization Fund	2,500.00
Withholding Service Charge	9.17
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Total	\$ 8,001.21

Refunds and Transfers

Refunds	\$ 1,431.11
Collector's Charges	96.00
Petty Cash	25.09
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Total	\$ 1,552.20
Total Disbursements	\$363,495.35

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ITEMIZED ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Moderator

Salary		\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
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Selectmen

Salaries		425.00	
Telephone			
N. E. T. & T. Co.		280.87	
Dues	\$ 30.00	30.00	
Printing			
Barre Publishing Co.		3.00	
Stationery & Supplies			
Paquette Stationery Co.	4.23		
A. B. Dick Products Co.	46.90	51.13	
Float-Hubbardston Bicentennial			
London Display	35.50		
Fuller Regalia	48.00		
All Other	14.55	98.05	
All Other		17.00	\$905.05

Auditing Department

Salaries			
Eugene F. Connolly		500.00	
Expenses			
Narcus Bros.		9.80	
Eugene F. Connolly		70.00	\$579.80

Treasury

Salaries		475.00	
Surety Bond			
Francis E. Baril		58.00	
Printing, Stationery & Postage			
Stamps	\$135.00		
Hobbs & Warren	5.35		
Mass. Envelope	59.50	199.85	
All Other			
Dues	3.00		
Comm. of Mass.	5.00		
Worcester Co., Nat. Bank	5.00		
Other	18.13	31.13	
			\$763.98

Town Clerk

Salaries		\$250.00	
Recording Fees			
Dorothy Day		28.00	
Printing, Stationery & Postage			
Stamps	\$ 27.00		
Narcus Bros.	3.57		
N. B. News	14.35		
Hobbs & Warren	3.55	\$48.47	
Surety Bond			
Healy Bros.		10.00	
All Other			
Dues		12.00	\$348.47

EXPENDITURES

Elections & Registrations

Salaries & Wages			
Registrations			
Dorothy Day	\$ 5.00		
Election Officers	22.00	27.00	
Postage, Stamps & Stationery			
Barre Publishing Co.	35.00		
Ware River News	7.50	42.50	
Census			
Mary G. Arms		60.00	\$129.50

Tax Collector

Salaries and Wages			
Collector	\$475.00		
Clerk	75.00	\$550.00	
Printing, Stationery & Postage			
Stamps & Envelopes	57.50		
A. W. LaFond & Co.	63.70	121.20	
Surety Bond			
Robert A. Parker	10.00		
Dea Ins. Agency	93.00	103.00	
All Other			
Willfred Dupell	69.00		
Narcus Bros.	23.10		
Barre Publishing Co.	8.00		
Worc. Tel. & Gazette	16.50		
Dues	3.00		
All Other	15.90	135.50	\$909.70

Assessors

Salaries and Wages			
Assessors	\$379.17		
Clerk	100.00	\$479.17	
Printing, Stationery & Postage			
Postage	2.90		
Wm. A. Sampson	15.00		
Ware River News	22.00		
Hobbs & Warren	7.35		
Dorothy Day	12.00	59.25	
Abstracts			
Worc. Co. Abstract		51.05	
All Other			
Dues	18.00		
Jerome Murphy	42.02	60.02	\$649.49

Planning Board

Cent. Mass. Regional Planning Comm.	\$ 4.50	\$ 4.50	
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Law Department

John H. Campbell, Att'y.	15.00	15.00	
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Town Hall Maintenance

Wages and Salaries			
Jesse L. Ferren	\$ 52.50		
Kenneth Drolet	20.00		
Leonard A. Hardy	167.12	\$239.62	
Fuel			
Stone's Oil Service		1,028.08	
Light			
Mass. Electric Co.		627.60	
Repairs			
Barber-Coleman Co.	\$ 99.40		
Holden Hardware Co.	7.45		
W. S. Wing & Co.	27.08		
W. Aubrey March	701.13		
Howe Lumber Co.	101.79	936.85	
Insurance			
I. E. Irish Inc.	197.88		
Krussell Ins. Agency	194.24	392.12	
Janitor's Supplies			
Sherwin Williams Co.	\$ 4.40		
Holden Hardware Co.	5.53		
Howe Lumber Co.	3.24		
W. E. Aubuchon	1.29	14.46	
All Other		59.30	
			\$3,298.03
Total General Government \$7,623.52			

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Department

Salaries and Wages			
Chief	\$1,037.50		
Officers	400.50	\$1,438.00	
Telephone			
N. E. T. & T. Co.		63.00	
Radio Communication System			
Airways Communications		2,992.00	
Uniforms and Equipment			
Berger Uniform Co.	\$ 135.58		
Marwyn Co.	18.58		
Bob Smith Sporting Goods	105.00	259.16	
Repairs			
Airway Communications		64.90	\$4,817.06

Fire Department

Salaries and Wages			
None		\$ 0.00	
Fuel and Light			
Stone's Oil Service	\$309.84		
Mass. Electric Co.	135.39	445.23	
Building and Grounds			
W. Aubrey March	35.47		
Stone's Oil Service	16.60		
Jamara Bros.	45.00	97.07	
Telephone			
N. E. T. & T Co.		340.84	
Insurance			
Krussell Insurance Agency		939.50	
Equipment and Repairs			
Fleet Electric Service	92.16		
John C. Lane & Sons	130.52		
Worc. Radio Distributors	151.70		

EXPENDITURES

David Deane	306.83		
Kelly Square Tire Co.	65.05		
Other	34.74	781.00	
Gasoline and Oil			
Whitman's Oil Service		67.73	
All Other			
A. L. Purrinton	62.62		
Atlantic Electric Co.	21.95		
All Other	17.43	102.00	\$2,773.37

Civil Defense

Salaries and Wages			
Peter Ghaitis	\$108.00		
W. Aubrey March	484.00	\$592.00	
Materials and Supplies			
Howe Lumber Co.	130.26		
Central Electric Supply	25.05	155.31	\$ 747.31

Inspection of Wires

Salaries and Wages			
Ralph Downer		\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00

Insect Pest Control

Poison Ivy Spray			
Brewer Custom Spray Service		\$100.00	\$ 100.00

Dutch Elm Disease Control

Salaries and Wages			
H. Roscoe Crawford	\$536.70		
Various Persons	117.00	\$653.70	\$ 653.70

Tree Warden

Salaries and Wages			
H. Roscoe Crawford		\$ 58.10	
Services			
Brewer Tree Experts		108.00	\$ 166.10

Dog Officer

Fees			
H. Sumner Crawford		\$ 96.00	\$ 96.00

Compensation Insurance

Krussell Insurance Agency	\$697.00	\$697.00	
Total Public Safety	\$10,075.54		

HEALTH AND SANITATION

General Administration			
Barre Publishing Co.	\$ 3.50		
Hobbs & Warren	4.60	\$ 8.10	\$ 8.10
Tuberculosis			
Worc. Co. Hosp. Assessment		297.22	297.22
Town Dump			
Harold Gray	\$ 48.00		
Sumner Crawford	168.00		
Donald Agar	10.80		
Wildlife Service	7.50	234.30	234.30
Inspection of Animals			
Henry W. Stone Jr.		35.00	35.00
Inspection of Slaughtering			
Henry W. Stone Jr.		25.00	25.00
Total Health and Sanitation	\$599.62		

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT					
	Chap. 81 Maint.	Chap. 90 Maint.	Chap. 90 Cons.	Chap. 679 Cons.	Snow & Sand
Paid To					Totals
Labor & Supervision					
Superintendent	\$696.90	\$275.60	\$522.90	\$60.95	\$1,089.90
Clerk	100.00	25.00	75.00	5.00	50.00
Operators	1,911.93	512.30	1,515.60	148.05	1,488.95
Drivers	1,674.25	466.55	1,241.05	135.45	1,359.75
Laborers	36.00	36.00	538.95		610.95
Mason		128.00	790.00		790.00
Traffic Director					128.00
Audit Adjustment			1,585.99		1,585.99
Totals	\$4,419.08	\$1,443.45	\$6,269.49	\$349.45	\$3,988.60
Town Owned Equipment					\$16,470.07
Int. Truck No. 1	\$414.50	\$364.00	\$818.40	\$34.60	\$393.40
Int. Truck No. 2	1,087.80	229.40	1,036.00	51.80	832.40
John Deere Loader	697.60	352.00	371.20	25.60	763.55
Chevrolet Sander	141.10	149.40		16.60	1,348.45
Concrete Mixer			65.70		1,655.55
Totals	\$2,341.00	\$1,094.80	\$2,291.30	\$128.60	\$3,337.80
Hired Equipment					\$9,193.50
Ralph Young	\$1,074.00	\$1,798.50	\$4,106.50	\$277.00	\$185.00
Harold Gray	402.00	334.00	2,149.50	60.00	884.00
Parsons Trans.	120.50	279.50	1,358.50		920.00
Jamara Bros.	261.25	622.25			883.50
C. B. Cleaners	154.00				154.00
Raymond Blake		96.00			96.00
George Briggs		120.00			120.00
Crowley Fuel Co.		96.00			96.00
Arthur Rossi			354.00	48.00	402.00
Edgar Sykes			492.00		492.00
Joseph Zelnia					25.00
Totals	\$2,011.75	\$3,346.25	\$8,460.50	\$385.00	\$2,014.00
					\$16,217.50

EXPENDITURES

	Chap. 81 Maint.	Chap. 90 Maint.	Chap. 90 Cons.	Chap. 679 Cons.	Snow & Sand	Totals
Materials						
Cement, concrete, etc.						
R. T. Curtis		\$431.25	\$40.00	\$266.00		\$737.25
Howe Lumber Co.			505.35			505.35
Adolph Jandris			123.20			123.20
Sand and Gravel						
L. A. Lajoie			30.00			30.00
R. T. Young	\$1,147.50		680.00		1,379.00	3,206.50
Wm. Zukus			600.00			600.00
N. Brodmerkle			21.20			21.20
Tar and Asphalt						
Dean Co.	2,653.48	2,666.46	1,696.10	464.85		7,480.89
Crushed stone, patching materials etc.						
Holden Trap Rock Co.	557.30	30.00	74.61			661.91
Salt and Chlorides						
Chemical Corp.					3,144.04	3,144.04
Culvert pipe, etc.						
Penn Culv. Co.			265.20	420.97		686.17
N. E. M. Culv Co.	36.26					36.26
All Other						
Agway			164.24			164.24
Aubuchon's			14.36			14.36
Hardwick Farmers			24.56	83.48		108.04
Whitman's Serv. Sta.			40.85			40.85
Files Equipment						33.36
Malleable Iron Foundry				48.32		48.32
Totals	\$4,427.90	\$3,127.71	\$4,279.67	\$1,283.62	\$4,523.04	\$17,641.94
Grand Totals	\$13,199.73	\$9,012.21	\$21,300.96	\$2,146.67	\$13,863.44	\$59,523.01

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Machinery Account

Paid to	Amount
Gas, oil & grease	
Radio Oil Co.	\$1,619.20
Stone's Oil Service	40.28
Texas Refinery	279.40
Repairs and Parts	
Beard Motors	277.30
Varney's Garage	118.85
M. J. Rudik	146.85
Herrick Welding	146.65
Klem Tractor Sales	312.90
George F. Blake	34.32
Morris Auto Radiator	14.50
Gar Wood	33.60
International Harvester	31.71
John Lane	13.50
City Auto Parts-Spencer	100.15
N. Gordon & Sons	16.23
Plow blades, shoes etc.	
Tri County Supply	281.00
Concrete Mixer	
Tri County Supply	525.00
Tires and Tubes	
Kelly Square Tire Co.	341.04
All Other	
Aubuchon's	92.96
Briggs Lumber Co.	16.32
Files Equipment Co.	63.28
Hardwick Farmers' Co-op	5.70
Howe Lumber Co.	44.13
Rice & Gadaire	16.20
Whitman's Serv. Sta.	9.95
Worc. Acetelyne	17.23
Insurance	
Krussell Ins. Agency	18.30
Total	<hr/> \$4,616.55

Highway Department

Public Utilities	
N. E. T. & T. Co.	\$114.20
Mass. Electric Co.	39.57
Insurance	
Krussell Ins. Agency	841.99
Dues	2.00
Total	<hr/> \$997.76

Street Lights

Mass. Electric Co.	\$636.13
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Vacation Pay

Joseph Zelnia	\$188.00	
Lynn McKeen	172.00	\$360.00

EXPENDITURES

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND VETERANS' SERVICES

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE — TOWN ACCOUNT

Old Age Assistance:

Cash Grants	\$3,174.80	\$3,174.80	\$3,174.80
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Medical Assistance:

Public Med. Institution	\$1,753.76
Nursing Homes	2,082.62
Medical Supplies	369.00
Physician's Fees	547.00
Dentists	126.00
Hospitals	2,081.34

	\$6,959.72	\$6,959.72
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Aid to Families with Dep. Children

None - during 1967

Disability Assistance:

Cash Grants	\$128.00	\$128.00	\$128.00
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General Assistance:

Commonwealth of Mass.			
Adjust. in Over Claiming	\$41.00	\$41.00	\$41.00

Administration:

Quaboag Welfare District	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00
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	\$10,753.52
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Old Age Assistance:

Cash Grants	\$3,539.95	\$3,539.95	\$3,539.95
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Medical Assistance:

Public Med. Institution	\$2,611.34
Nursing Homes	664.69
Medical Supplies	286.10
Physician's Fees	421.00
Dentists	127.00
Hospitals	651.30

	\$4,761.43	\$4,761.43
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Aid to Families with Dependent Children:

None - during 1967

Disability Assistance:

Cash Grants	\$193.10	\$193.10	\$193.10
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	\$8,494.48
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Total

\$19,248.00

Veterans' Services

Expenses and Transportation

Anthony A. Lupa	\$27.60	27.60
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Total Public Assistance and Veterans' Services \$19,275.60

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SCHOOLS AND LIBRARY

Schools

School Committee Salaries			\$125.00
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Administration

Salaries and Wages		\$1,387.05	
Town of Petersham		64.00	
All Other		24.34	
Travel			
Quab. Reg. Com.	\$66.56		
All Other	116.00	182.56	
			\$1,657.95

Instruction

Salaries		30,341.56	
Expenses			
Books and supplies	1,114.46		
Diplomas	95.77		
Expenses to workshops	80.00		
Telephone	20.91		
Travel		1,311.14	
Local	354.08		
Conventions	12.00	366.08	
			32,018.78

Other School Services

Health			
Doctor and nurse	897.89		
Expenses	94.87	992.76	
Transportation		19,191.58	
Food Service			
Salaries and wages		238.12	
Student Athletics			
Athletic Equipment		35.30	
All Other		56.70	
			20,514.46

Operation & Maint. of Plant

Operation			
Salaries and Wages	2,422.65		
Janitor's supplies etc.	209.49	2,632.14	
Maintenance			
Repair floor			
W. Aubrey March	552.00		
Howe Lumber Co.	173.35		
All Other	242.26	967.61	
			3,599.75

Fixed Charges

Rent of Office			
Holden Trowel Club		36.84	36.84

New Equipment

E. P. Wine — freezer	263.50		
Comm. of Mass. — chairs	212.35		
All Other	104.34		
		580.19	580.19

EXPENDITURES

School Lunch

Salaries and Wages		
Various persons	1,471.37	
Food and Supplies		
Various persons	3,010.93	
		4,482.30

Retirement Fund

Refund	35.46	35.46
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Programs With Other Schools

Tuition		
Wachusett Regional	\$17,622.29	
Town of Holden	310.73	
Town of Barre	600.00	
Town of No. Brookfield	5,595.94	
Town of Rutland	569.48	
City of Worcester	1,238.40	
	25,936.84	
Quabbin Regional Assessment	47,575.67	
		\$73,512.51
Vocational Education		
Tuition & Transportation	516.60	516.60
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		\$137,079.84

Library

Trustees Salaries		45.00
Salaries and Wages		
Librarian	\$1,012.75	
Assistants	6.25	
Custodian	125.00	
		\$1,144.00
Books and Periodicals		
Books	508.44	
Periodicals	54.75	
		563.19
Fuel and Light		
Stone's Oil Service	369.08	
Mass. Electric	82.01	
		451.09
Buildings		
Repairs	6.60	
Janitor's Supplies		
Howe & Whitney	92.26	
		98.86
Stationery — Postage		
Barre Publishing Co.	15.15	15.15
Telephone		
N.E.T. & T. Co.	97.25	97.25

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All Other		
Petty Cash	30.85	
Dues	9.00	
Demco Library Supplies	43.43	
		83.28
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		\$2,497.82
Library Trust Funds		
Repairs to Roof and Windows		
Howe Lumber Co. — Materials	27.39	
W. Aubrey March — Labor	921.64	949.03
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Total		\$3,446.85
Total Schools and Library	\$140,526.69	

RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED

Care of Town Common

Mowing Lawn etc.		
Randy Widing	\$90.00	
Christmas Decorations		
Materials and labor		
Anthony A. Lupa	54.95	
		144.95

Wright Park Maintenance

Repairs to Playground Equipment		
W. Aubrey March	31.79	
Mowing Ballfield		
Randy Widing	40.00	
		71.79

Recreational Facilities

Athletic Supplies		
Olympic Sports Co.	22.00	
Materials for Skating Rink		
LaCaire Lumber Co.	85.05	107.05

Memorial Day Observances

Food and Catering		
Town Talk Bakers	5.00	
Benson Bros. & Co.	8.91	
Western Beef Co.	53.76	
Bernie & Bill's Snack Bar		
Food	19.65	
Labor	60.00	79.65
		147.32

Care of Town Clock

Bradford Cheney	50.00	50.00
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Town Reports

Ware River News	678.50	678.50
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Planning Board Master Plan

Charles E. Downe	1,500.00	1,500.00
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EXPENDITURES

4-H Club

Worc. Co. Extension	12.25	
Supplies for Projects		
Various Persons	85.00	97.25

Worcester County Retirement Assessment

Worcester County Treasurer	1,379.90	1,379.90
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Central Mass. Regional Planning District

Proportionate Share of Expenses		
Treasurer, C.M.R.P.D.	41.92	41.92

Finance Committee

Budget Sheets		
Barre Offset Printing	42.00	42.00

Worcester County Tax

Annual Assessment		
Worcester County Treasurer	3,926.27	3,926.57

State Assessments

State Parks and Recreation	657.22	
Auditing Municipal Accounts	56.34	
M.V. Excise Tax Billing	74.25	787.81

Total Recreation and Unclassified

 \$8,975.06

CEMETERIES

Commissioners Salaries		\$45.00
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Salaries and Wages		
Superintendent	\$719.00	
Labor	182.52	
Mileage	72.88	\$974.40

Other Expenses		
Trees and Shrubs	30.90	
Landscape Nursery	30.90	
Equipment Repairs		
Oslund Sales and Service	117.70	

Lime & Fertilizer		
C. W. Stewart	12.50	
Hired Equipment		
Jamara Bros.	30.00	
Removal of Vault		
Coburn-Wilbert Vault Co.	37.50	
Cement & Seed		
Wirthmore Stores	46.30	
Stationery		
Barre Publishing Co.	53.80	
Other		
Various Persons	22.80	

 351.50

Total Cemeteries

 \$1,370.90

FINANCIAL REPORT

INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT

Interest

Temporary Loans		
Chapter 81 & 90 Highway Loans		
Worc. Co. Nat. Bank	533.57	
(Anticipation of Reimbursement)		
For Operating Expenses		
(Anticipation of Revenue)		
Worc. Co. Nat. Bank	629.01	
		\$1,162.58
General Loans		
School Building Loan		
Worc. Co. Nat. Bank	57.25	
International Truck		
Worc. Co. Nat. Bank	139.56	
Police Dept. Radio		
Worc. Co. Nat. Bank	99.92	
		296.73
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		\$1,459.31

Maturing Debt

Temporary Loans		
Anticipation of Revenue		
(For operating expenses)	\$75,000.00	
Anticipation of Reimbursement		
(Chap. 81 & 90 Maint.)	17,700.00	
		\$92,700.00
General Loans		
School Building Loan		
Worc. Co. Nat. Bank	500.00	
International Truck Loan		
Worc. Co. Nat. Bank	2,000.00	
Police Radio System Loan		
Worc. Co. Nat. Bank	2,700.00	
		\$5,200.00
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Total Interest and Maturing Debt		\$99,359.31

AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENT

Agency		
Federal Withholding Taxes	\$3,552.49	
Worc. County Retirement	554.86	
Mass. Withholding Tax	438.19	
Dog Licenses for County	386.00	
		\$4,931.54
Trust and Investment		
Cemetery Perpetual Care Bequests		
Worc. Fed. Savings & Loan Assoc.	130.00	130.00
Alden Fund		
Medical - Worc. Hearing Aid Center	135.04	

EXPENDITURES

Flowers		
Belchers	290.39	
Food		
Rodzik's Market	5.07	
		\$430.50
Stabilization Fund		
Deposit		
Worcester Fed. Savings & Loan Assoc.	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
State Withholding Service Charge		
Comm. of Mass.	9.17	9.17
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Total Agency, Trust and Investment		\$8,001.21

REFUNDS AND TRANSFERS

Refunds		
Taxes		
Personal Property	\$236.50	
Real Estate	621.00	
Motor Vehicle Excise	573.61	
	\$1,431.11	\$1,431.11
Charges Due Collector		
Calvin Stewart	96.00	96.00
All Other		
Petty Cash to Police Dept.		
Norman Drolet	25.09	25.09
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Total Refunds and Transfers		\$1,552.20

TOWN WARRANT

TOWN WARRANT

To either of the constables of the Town of Oakham in the County of Worcester:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Selectmen of the Town of Oakham, County of Worcester, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Oakham qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet in the town hall, known as Memorial Hall on Monday, the fourth day of March next at 12 noon at which time the polls will be opened. Polls will be closed at 6:30 P.M.

The business meeting will be open at 8:00 P.M., then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To hear the annual reports of the several town officers and to act thereon.

Article 2. To choose one Selectman, one Assessor, one Treasurer, one member of the School Committee, one Library Trustee, one member of the Cemetery Committee, and six Constables, all for three year terms; one member of the Planning Board for a five year term; a Moderator, Collector of Taxes, Auditor, Tree Warden, and three Fence Viewers for one year terms, all on one ballot.

Article 3. To choose all the necessary town officers and committees for the ensuing year not required to be elected by ballot.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided for by Section 108, Chapter 41 of the General Laws.

Article 5. To see what compensation the Town will allow for men and equipment used in repairing highways and opening roads during the ensuing year.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds in the treasury such sums of money as are necessary to pay salaries, expenses and outlays of several Town departments for the ensuing year.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue for the financial years beginning January 1, 1968 and January 1, 1969 in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with the provisions of the General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds in the treasury a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highway Maintenance, or take any action relative thereto.

TOWN WARRANT

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds in the treasury a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate from the Overlay Surplus the sum of \$1,000, or any other amount, these funds to be used for the purposes of a Reserve Fund, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$2000.00, or any other amount, from the Highway Machinery Fund to the Highway Machinery Account, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Assessors to appropriate the sum of \$2,000, or any other amount from unappropriated available funds in the treasury for use to reduce the tax levy for the current year, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to accept any trust funds which may be left to the Town for care of cemeteries, or for any other purpose, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to amend its By-Laws by adding Chapter X, Sections 1 through 6 consisting of a Zoning By-Law prepared by the Oakham Planning Board, a copy of which is filed in the office of the Town Clerk and copies of which are posted with each copy of this warrant, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the permanent reconstruction of Ware Corner Road and to provide the funds to meet the cost of the first section thereof by raising and appropriating the sum of \$3,000 to meet the Town's share of the cost and borrowing the sum of \$9,000 in anticipation of reimbursement by the state and county, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to accept, as a gift to the Town from Donald C. Agar, a certain parcel of land now owned by said Donald C. Agar, located on the westerly shore of Lake Dean and more particularly described in a deed from Marion W. Butler, Joan Butler and George W. Butler to Donald C. Agar, which deed is recorded at the Worcester County Registry of Deeds, Book 4733, Page 85, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to purchase a new dump truck for the highway department, turning in the 1953 International truck now owned by the Town in trade, and to provide the funds to meet the cost thereof, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20.96 to meet the Town's share of additional expenses and costs of the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning District for the year 1968, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,250 or any other amount to meet an overdraft in the School Lunch account, or take any action relative thereto.

TOWN WARRANT

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to join the Wachusett Home Health Care Agency and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500, or any other amount, to meet Oakham's share of the cost of operating the agency and providing nursing services, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,561.59, or any sum less than this amount from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, if and when these funds are received from the State, for use to meet the cost of permanent reconstruction of a section of Spencer Road, or any other road, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,945.01 to pay certain charges incurred for school purposes but not received in time for payment in 1967, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to change the term of Tax Collector from one year to three years, or take any action relative thereto.

And you are required to serve this warrant by posting attested copies in at least three public places in said town seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding meeting as aforesaid.

Given unto our hands this fourteenth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixty-eight.

ROGER H. LONERGAN

LIONEL A. LAJOIE, JR.

LEROY C. SPINNEY

Board of Selectmen

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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Red Network — To report a fire or other emergency

882-5555

POLICE

Chief 882-5223

FIRE

To Report a Fire 882-5555

Fire Station 882-5556

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Town Garage 882-5556

TOWN HALL

Selectmen 882-5549

Tax Collector 882-5549

Assessors 882-5549

SCHOOL 882-3350

TOWN CLERK 882-5252

LIBRARY 882-3372